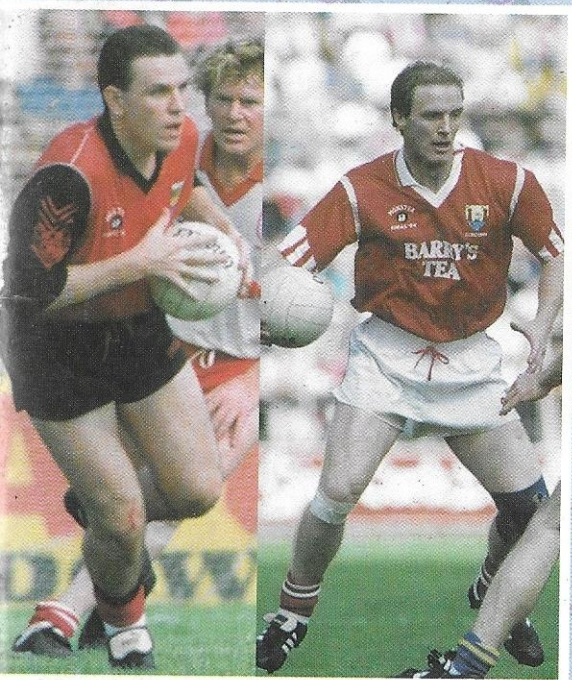


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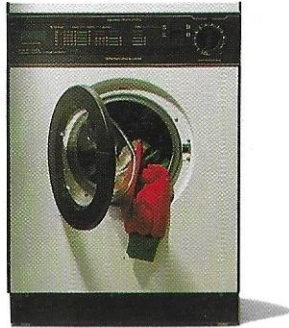
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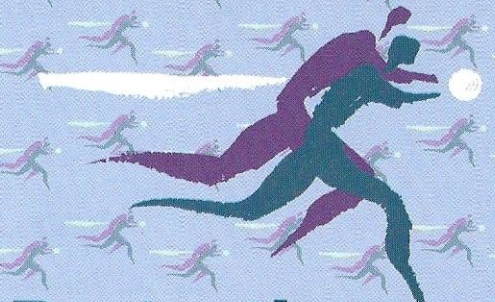
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3.30 i.n. Réiteoir: Brian White (Loch Garman)



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New Stand — Medical Centre — rear of Section 301. Treatment and Cardiac Ambulance — rear of Stand.

Clár an Lae

Cluiche Leath-cheannias Iomána Mionúir:
An Dún v. Corcaigh

12.30 i.n.: Tús leis an gCluiche.
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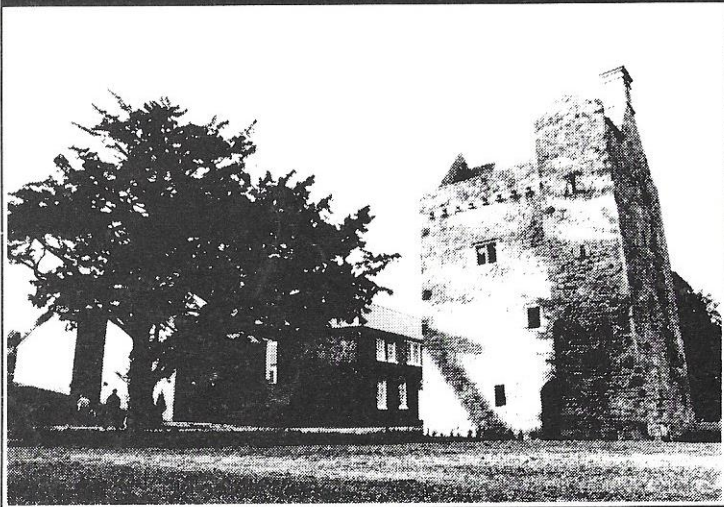
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Ard Mhaca v. Ciarraí

02.00 i.n.: Tús leis an gCluiche.
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02.40 i.n.: Dara leath.
03.10 i.n.: Críoch leis an gCluiche.

Cluiche Leath-cheannias Peile na hÉireann Síneair:
An Dún v. Corcaigh

03.15 i.n.: An Dún amach ar an bPáirc.
03.18 i.n.: Corcaigh amach ar an bPáirc.
03.23 i.n.: Paráid na Fóirne.
03.28 i.n.: Amhrán na bhFiann.
03.30 i.n.: Tús leis an gCluiche.
04.05 i.n.: Leath ama.
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04.15 i.n.: Dara Leath.
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Football

Boys' Football

Team I

Down — Yellow and Black with
Red trim
Pitch: defending Hogan Stand —
Canal End.

1. Michael McGlade,
Draperstown, Co. Derry.
2. Donnin Ritchie,
Downpatrick, Co. Down.
3. Stephen Heavey,
Ballyboden, Dublin 16.
4. Brendan O'Neill,
Newmarket on Fergus,
Co. Clare.
5. Darren Grant,
Camlough, Co. Down.
6. A. McGonigle,
Strabane, Co. Tyrone.
7. Paul Kennedy,
Ardfinnan, Co. Tipperary.
8. James Nugent,
Ardfinnan, Co. Tipperary.
9. Kenneth O'Neill,
Ballyfermot, Dublin 10.
10. Gerard McGargo,
Ardglass, Co. Down.

Boys' Football

Team J

Cork — White with Red trim
Pitch: defending Cusack Stand
— Canal End.

1. Barry Lawlor,
Askea, Carlow.
2. Martin Donoghue,
Kilnaleck, Co. Cavan.
3. Ciarán O'Reilly,
Derrylin, Co. Fermanagh.
4. Declan McCloskey,
Belfast, Co. Antrim.
5. Gerard O'Sullivan,
Glenbeigh, Co. Kerry.
6. Daniel Doody,
Ardagh, Co. Limerick.
7. John O'Reilly,
Tramore, Co. Waterford.
8. Stephen O'Sullivan,
Glenbeigh, Co. Kerry.
9. Paul Lafferty,
The Glebe, Co. Donegal.
10. Bernard Reilly,
Derrylin, Co. Fermanagh.

Girls' Football

Team K

Down — Yellow and Black with
Red trim
Pitch: defending Cusack Stand
— Hill 16 End.

1. Donna Brock,
Kesh, Co. Fermanagh.
2. Emma O'Hare,
The Commons, Co. Down.
3. Denise Walsh,
Crusheen, Co. Clare.
4. Claire Colton,
Irvinesstown,
Co. Fermanagh.
5. Eadaoin Ní Mhaille,
Rathgar, Dublin 6.
6. Joanne Hackett,
Ballygawley, Co. Tyrone.
7. Edel Hanley,
Galbally, Co. Tipperary.
8. Jo Anne Breen,
Beaufort, Co. Kerry.
9. Suzie O'Leary,
Hillside, Co. Dublin.
10. Lisa McGinnity,
Dromintee, Co. Down.

Girls' Football

Team L

Cork — White with Red Trim
Pitch: defending Hogan Stand —
Hill 16 End.

1. Theresa Doona,
Beaufort, Co. Kerry.
2. Charlene Kearney,
Portlengone, Co. Antrim.
3. Pamela Cryan,
Hartstown, Dublin 15.
4. Sharon Loughran,
Tallaght, Dublin 24.
5. Ciara McGuinness,
Carrickmacross,
Co. Monaghan.
6. Frances Duffy,
Cootehill, Co. Cavan.
7. Charlene Gibbons,
Ballybofey, Co. Donegal.
8. Amanda McGinty,
Ballybofey, Co. Donegal.
9. Mary Donovan,
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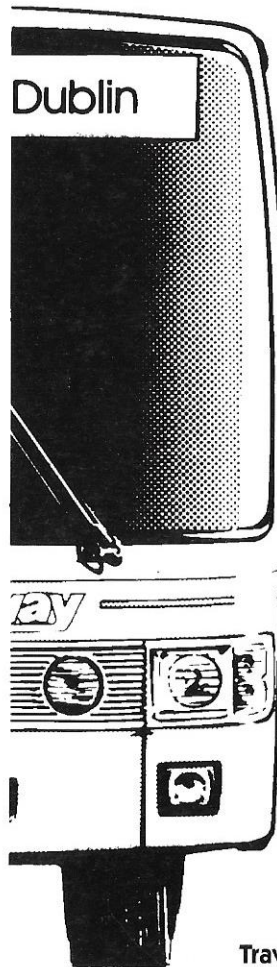
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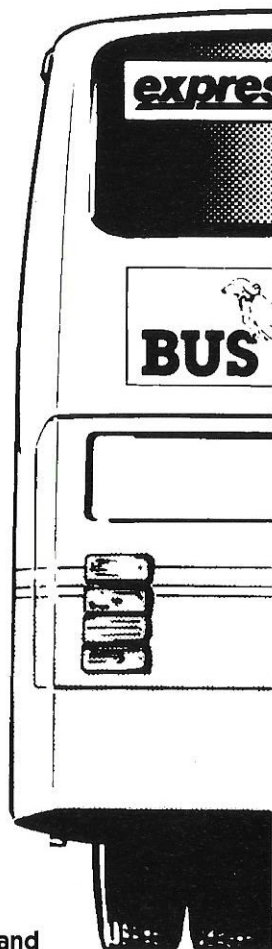
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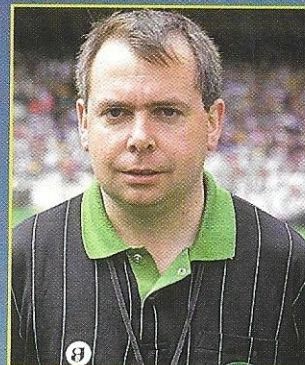
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Aodáin MacSuibhne (BÁC)

This fluent Irish speaker had charge of the Leinster senior hurling final between Offaly and Wexford last month. He has been refereeing for some eight years and is a member of the St. Jude's club in the capital.

Aodáin has controlled provincial minor finals, an Ulster under-21 final and was the man in the middle in the novel interprovincial final of 1992, in which Munster beat Ulster at Nowlan Park, Kilkenny.

His assignments this year included, in addition to the Leinster final, the

meeting of Connacht and Munster in a Railway Cup semi-final at Thurles.

Linesmen:

P. Aherne (Ceatharlach)
STANDBY REFEREE

T. Lyons (Luimneach)

Umpires

Paddy Kieran, Naomh Olaf
Bernard Lennon, Naomh Eanna
Freddy Gilroy, St. Patrick's
Aidan Shiels, Cluain Tarbh

Mick Curley (Gaillimh)

He was on duty at Croke Park last May as referee of the All-Ireland Vocational Schools final in which Cork beat Donegal.

A native of County Galway, Curley has been refereeing for eight years and has had charge of a number of games in the National League.

He had control of the Connacht final last month at Dr. Hyde Park when Leitrim beat Mayo for a first title in 67 years.

That was his second successive Connacht final as referee.

Linesmen:

S. Prior (Liatroim)
STANDBY REFEREE

P. Russell (Tiobraid Árann)

Umpires

Martin Penton
Bob McNair
Pat McGovern
Des Joyce



Brian White (Loch Garman)

The Wexford man refereed the Leitrim-Roscommon first round tie at Dr. Hyde Park last June and makes a quick return to Croke Park. Only two weeks ago he took charge of the Dublin-Meath showdown for the Leinster senior title.

A member of the Ratharogue-Cushinstown club, White refereed the 1993 National League final and replay between Dublin and Donegal. He is no stranger to All-Ireland semi-final action as he had control of the Cork-Mayo encounter last August.

White is a former hurler and footballer and won intermediate medals with his club in both codes.

Linesmen:

P. Casserly (Iar Mhí)
STANDBY REFEREE

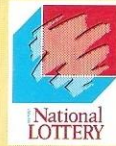
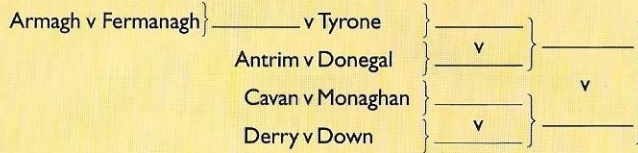
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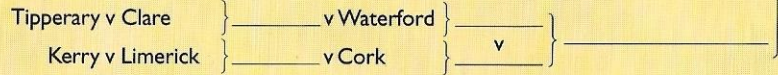
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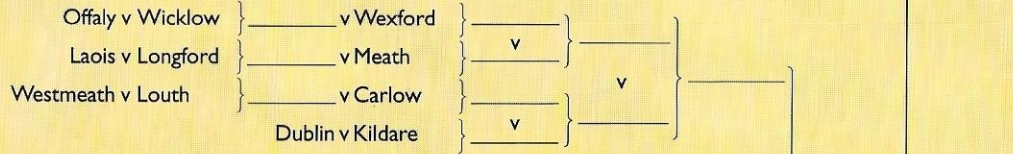
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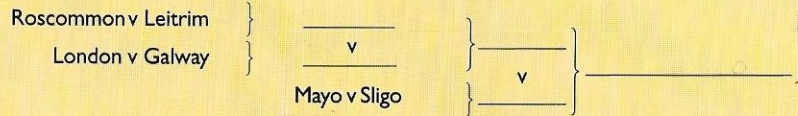
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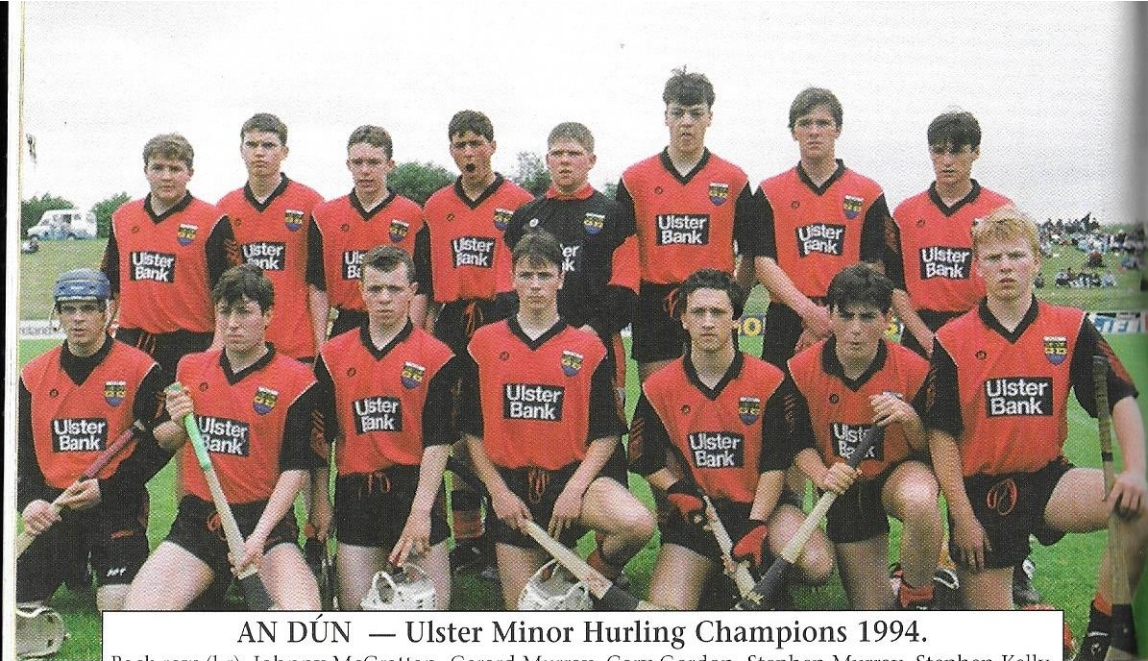
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AN DÚN — Ulster Minor Hurling Champions 1994.

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CORCAIGH - Munster Minor Hurling Champions 1994.

Back row (l-r): Ger Shaw, John O'Flynn, Pat Walsh, Austin Walsh, Brian Hurley, Cathal Collins, Kevin McCarthy, Sean Óg Ó hAilpin. Front row (l-r): Pat O'Keeffe, Darren Ronan, Kevin Kelleher, Pat Mullaney, Kevin Egan, Brian O'Driscoll, Brian McSweeney.

DOWN ... A Challenge To Be Met

MINOR HURLING SEMI-FINAL

When Down and Cork minors step out on Croke Park today, they will have little difficulty in defending their roles and goals. For Cork it will be the preservation of the most remarkable record in under age hurling — they have never lost an All-Ireland semi-final at this level; for Down it will be the challenge of becoming the first team from Ulster to overcome a Munster team in minor competition.

The background to this encounter presents massive contrasts: Cork have been one of the strongest counties in this grade of hurling since the beginning of the minor championships 66 years ago; holders of 15 All-Ireland titles (second only to Kilkenny in this matter); Munster champions 24 times and rarely absent for any length of time from the honours list, Cork are truly one of the giants of minor hurling.

And if the word "giant" can be used in referring to Down it will most assuredly be in rela-

tion to the effort that the county has put into making a breakthrough at this stage of the championship. Indeed, Down was the first Ulster county to challenge the might of the South when, with a team composed almost exclusively of pupils from Newry CBS, they opposed Kilkenny at Croke Park in 1930. An unequal battle had an inevitable outcome as did a later attempt to topple the same team in 1932, Laois (1934), Limerick (1984), Wexford (1985) and Offaly (1989). The game with Offaly

CORK ... A Record to Defend

was Down's most impressive performance, and a six-point defeat at the hands of the eventual All-Ireland champions was noteworthy by any standards.

For Cork, today's encounter will not only have the great semi-final record of the county to uphold, but the incentive to move a step closer to equalling Kilkenny's record of 16 under-18 titles gives it a special dimension. A first ever meeting with Down merely adds spice to the occasion.

CORK'S ALL-IRELAND SEMI-FINALS V ULSTER

1937	Cork	6-3;	Antrim	0-2
1939	Cork	9-8;	Antrim	1-1
1941	Cork	13-8;	Antrim	1-2
1951	Cork	10-8;	Antrim	3-1
1964	Cork	7-9;	Antrim	2-4
1966	Cork	9-11;	Antrim	2-6
1970	Cork	6-16;	Antrim	0-7
1972	Cork	13-14;	Antrim	3-2
1986	Cork	4-17;	Antrim	1-4
1988	Cork	3-26;	Antrim	1-1

1990

Cork	1-14;	Derry	1-9
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DOWN'S MINOR SEMI-FINALS

1930	Kilkenny	13-7;	Down	2-0
1932	Kilkenny	3-7;	Down	2-2
1934	Laois	17-10;	Down	2-1
1984	Limerick	2-17;	Down	2-6
1985	Wexford	7-17;	Down	2-7
1989	Offaly	1-11;	Down	1-5



An Dún

Dathanna: Buí is Dubh

Fir Ionaid

- (16) **Ciarán Taggart**
C. Mac an tSagairt
(Ballygalget)
- (17) **Gerard Adair**
G. Ó Daire
(Portaferry)
- (18) **Chris Young**
C. de Siún
(Portaferry)
- (19) **Darren O'Neill**
D. Ó Néill
(Portaferry)
- (20) **Gary Smyth**
G. MacGabhann
(Portaferry)
- (21) **James Coffey**
S. Ó Cofaigh
(Portaferry)
- (22) **John Roddy**
S. Ó Rodaigh
(Ballygalget)
- (23) **Philip Mageean**
P. MagAedhin
(Portaferry)
- (24) **Francis Quinn**
P. Ó Coinn
(Clonduff)

Roghnoirí

Declan Magee (Kilclief),
Gerard McVeigh (Ballycran),
Gabriel Mageean
(Portaferry).

Manager:
Seamus Fay (Ballygalget).

- 1**
STEPHEN KELLY
S. Ó Ceallaigh
(Ballycran)
- 2**
LIAM CLARKE
L. Ó Cléirigh
(Ballygalget)
- 3**
JOHN O'CONNOR
S. Ó Conchúir
(Ballygalget)
- 4**
GERARD MURRAY
G. Ó Muirí
(Darragh Cross)
- 5**
EUGENE McGRATTAN
E. MagReachtain
(Ballycran)
- 6**
MICHAEL PUCCI
M. Pucci (Capt.)
(Ballygalget)
- 7**
DAVID ROGAN
D. Ó Ruagáin
(Ballycran)
- 8**
BARRY COLEMAN
B. Ó Colmáin
(Portaferry)
- 9**
PHILIP BROWN
P. Mac an Bhreithiún
(Ballycran)
- 10**
STEPHEN MURRAY
S. Ó Muirí
(Portaferry)
- 11**
PADRAIG MATTHEWS
P. MacMathúna
(Clonduff)
- 12**
GARY GORDON
G. MagMhuirneacháin
(Ballycran)
- 13**
FEARGAL BELL
F. MacGiolla Mhaoil
(Ballycran)
- 14**
JOHNNY McGRATTAN
S. MagReachtain
(Ballygalget)
- 15**
PETER MALLON
P. Ó Mealláin
(Portaferry)

Corcaigh

Dathanna: Dearg is Bán



Fir Ionaid

- 1**
BRIAN HURLEY
B. Ó Muirhille (Capt.)
(St. Finbarr's)
- 2**
PAT O'KEEFE
P. Ó Caoimh
(Buttevant)
- 3**
SEAN Óg HALPIN
S. Óg Ó hAilpín
(Na Piarasaigh)
- 4**
PAT WALSH
P. Breathnach
(Midleton)
- 5**
CATHAL COLLINS
C. Ó Coileáin
(Watergrasshill)
- 6**
KEVIN EGAN
C. Ó hAogáin
(Delaney's)
- 7**
BRIAN McSWEENEY
B. MacSuibhne
(Glen Rovers)
- 8**
KEVIN MCCARTHY
C. MacCárthaigh
(Bishopstown)
- 9**
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G. Seach
(Na Piarasaigh)
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B. Ó Drisceoil
(Kilavullen)
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JOHN O'FLYNN
S. Ó Floinn
(Blackrock)
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A. Breathnach
(Kildorrery)
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C. Ó Ceilleachair
(St. Finbarr's)
- 14**
DARREN RONAN
D. Ó Ronáin
(Ballyhea)
- 15**
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P. Ó Maoileanaí
(Midleton)

- (16) **Donal Óg Cusack**
D. Óg Ó Ciosóg
(Cloyne)
- (17) **Noel Sheehan**
N. Ó Siocháin
(Ballymartle)
- (18) **Alan Cahill**
A. Ó Cathail
(Midleton)
- (19) **Pat O'Connor**
P. Ó Conchubhair
(Fermoy)
- (20) **Alan Beale**
A. Beale
(Ballincollig)
- (21) **Colm Buckley**
C. Ó Buachalla
(Banteer)
- (22) **Eric Walsh**
E. Breathnach
(St. Finbarr's)
- (23) **Derek Power**
D. de Paor
(Delaney's)
- (24) **Derek Barrett**
D. Ó Baráid
(Cobh)

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An Dún

1 adh Leath

2 adh Leath

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Down maintain their hurling tradition

by Jim Keenan

Down has largely been portrayed as merely a footballing county. Such a perception, borne of the county's illustrious football successes, is nevertheless a misconception, a fact underlined by the presence of the Down Minor hurlers here today. Naturally the dizzy heights of football success have yet to be scaled by the hurlers but Down can still boast a proud hurling tradition.

A brief perusal of the county's hurling records will reveal that the game has been popular for over two hundred years and Down was one of the few counties where it survived the Great Famine of the 1840's. Up until the late fifties club hurling was very widespread but from then onwards it somewhat contracted, perhaps coinciding with the well chronicled ascendancy of the great Down football teams of the early sixties.

From that time, especially at senior level, club domination, as well as county representation, shifted dramatically from the euphemistically

termed "mainland", to the three peninsula based "Ards" clubs. Given that those, the county's only senior clubs, almost exclusively sustained the senior county teams, the success of Down at senior inter-county level can justifiably be described as somewhat phenomenal. That tremendous hurling advancement was epitomised over the last three years when Down competed in Division One of the National League. The county's undeniable duality was further crystallised last year when Down held the distinction of being the only county with both hurling and football Division One League representation. 1992 placed Down hurlers centre-stage when, as Ulster champions, they more than acquitted themselves with pride against Cork in the All-Ireland semi-final.

SUCCESSSES

Seniors apart, the vibrancy of Down hurling is further evidenced in the success at club level where all three "Ards" clubs have captured the Provincial championship, at Minor and Under 21 inter-county level, teams have regularly won Ulster Championships, while the

Under 16 teams have lifted the All-Ireland on a few occasions, and all this despite there being just the three senior and fourteen junior clubs.

Notable under-age exploits there have been at national level, chiefly in 1983 and 1984, when an U-21 team failed in the All-Ireland semi-final by a mere three points against Tipperary and that never-to-be-forgotten Minor semi-final against Limerick when hopes of a Centenary Final appearance in Thurles were only thwarted in the last few minutes.

Outright successes there have been too, and a county that holds many great football records also holds the distinction of having brought to Ulster its first ever All-Ireland adult hurling title, when in 1964 the Junior team annexed the title in London's New Eltham Stadium. 1988 saw the Senior team win the All-Ireland "B" Home title while only twelve months ago memories of '64 were revived in Ruislip when the county won the inaugural All-Ireland Special Championship.

So back to today when a close scrutiny of the Senior football panel will reveal some interesting facts and likewise pose some fascinating possibilities, had "the road not taken" been tra-

versed by a number of those players, Greg Blaney will be familiar with both roads having won both senior hurling and football Ulster medals as well as that All-Ireland "B" championship.

NOTABLE LIST

Less widely travelled but still a proud All-Ireland U-16 title winner is Barry Breen, while Rory Sharvin can boast a special Junior All-Ireland medal. Add to these the hurling proficiency of University, county U-21 and club players, Gerard Colgan and Ciarán McCabe. Ross Carr and Mickey Linden's dexterity have earned these household names County Special Junior Championship winners' medals. Management too, in the person of former county chairman and current Ulster Council treasurer, Danny Murphy, a long serving hurler, further complements this dextrous list.

Given such a proud hurling record, the Down Minors will today be striving to carry the banner at stage further, mindful not only of the mighty Cork tradition but equally that of their own county. Whatever their fate one can be assured that Down will remain both faithful and formidable exponents of hurling as well as football. No doubt many of these young stars will grace the county jersey in further years.

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Down strive for a first minor win

Down bring a welcome wind of change to the All-Ireland minor hurling championship scene with their novel meeting with Cork to decide who will oppose Galway in the final.

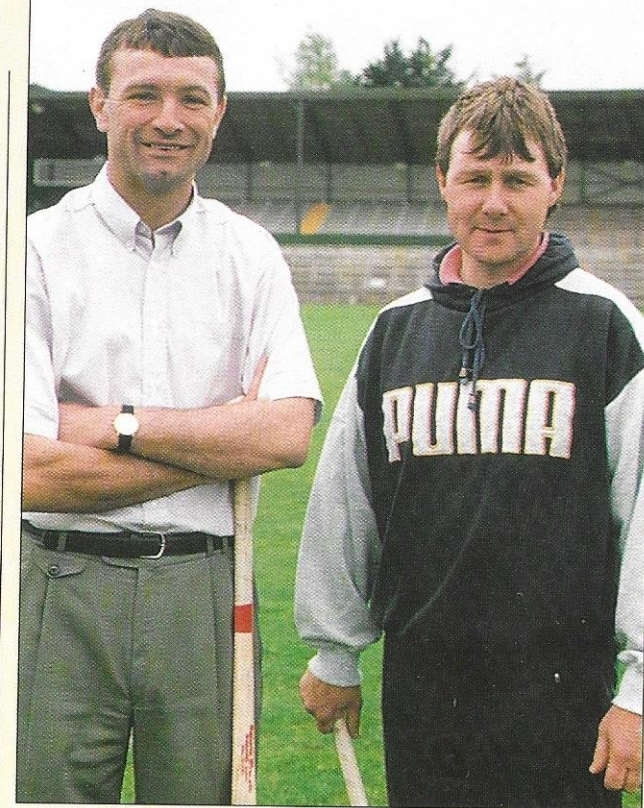
This will be the Mourne County's sixth appearance in a semi-final since 1930 and they have yet to record a win. Down lost their last outing at this stage in 1989 to Offaly.

The Ulster champions had a good semi-final win over Derry by 3-10 to 1-8.

The Mourne County boys displayed tremendous character and a real will to win in their Ulster final win over Antrim at Casement Park. Less than fifteen minutes from the final whistle, Down looked "down and out" as they trailed by 2-9 to 0-7.

However, the challengers knuckled down to their task in great style and a goal blitz that yielded two from midfielder Stephen Murray and one by left half forward Fergal Bell set Down on the road to a hard-earned but well deserved 3-11 to 3-10 win.

That "against the odds" come-back suggests that Down will not be in the least undaunted by the fact that they will start outsiders in this game.



FORMER GREATS

Jimmy Barry Murphy and Tom Cashman guiding the fortunes of the Cork Minor Hurling team.

CORK SHOOTING POWER

Cork displayed tremendous shooting power in the way to a first Munster title since 1990. They beat Clare by 1-16 to 0-13 and had a run-away 2-22 to 1-7 success next time out at the expense of Limerick.

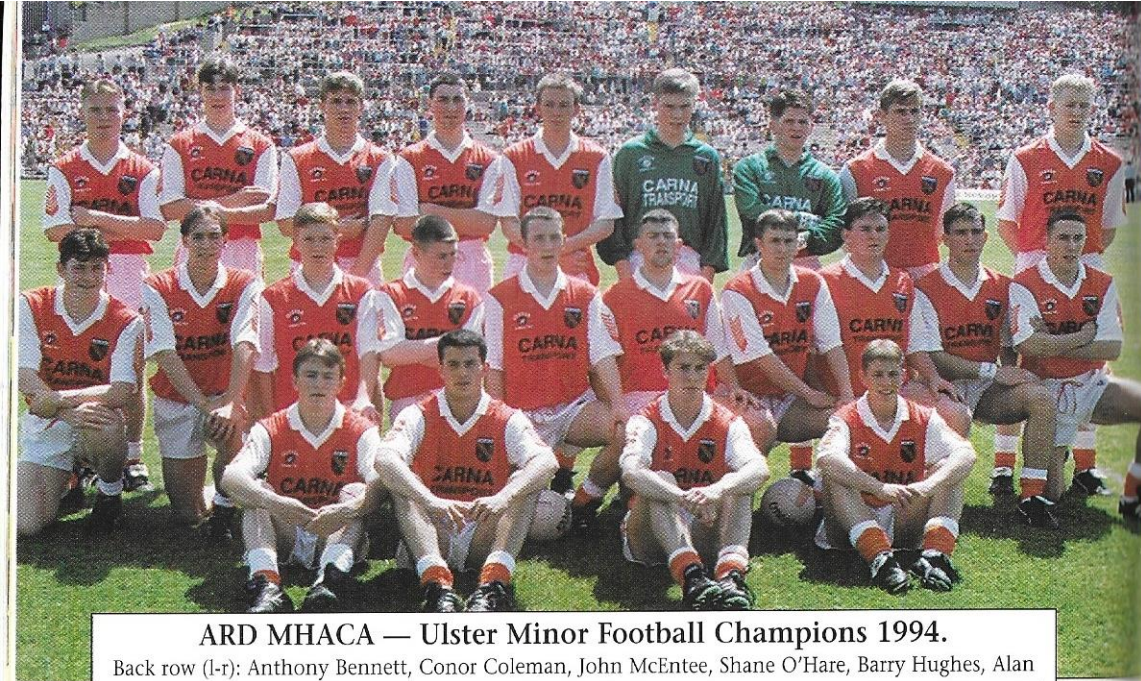
The Leesiders maintained the momentum in a twelve points Munster final win over Waterford at Thurles. Despite playing against a slight breeze, Cork had the better of the first half exchanges and led by 1-8 to 0-5 at the interval.

They started the second half in style with early points from Brian O'Driscoll and long-hit-

ting centre half back Kevin Egan from a '65'.

Waterford, to their credit, kept battling away courageously, but were always fighting a losing battle and in the end were well beaten by 2-15 to 0-9.

Darren Ronan, who scored 1-4, Kevin Kelleher, scorer of his team's other goal, Ger Shaw at midfield and Egan at pivot were particularly impressive for Cork. However, every member of the side played his part in fashioning a display that marks out the team as one of genuine class and ability.



ARD MHACA — Ulster Minor Football Champions 1994.

Back row (l-r): Anthony Bennett, Conor Coleman, John McEntee, Shane O'Hare, Barry Hughes, Alan O'Neill, Mark Campbell, Tony McEntee, Barry Duffy. Front row (l-r): James Byrne, Ronan Harte, David Wilson, Shane McKeever, Kieran Rafferty (captain), Kevin O'Reilly, Paul O'Hagan, Aidan O'Rourke, Enda McNulty, Paul Dynes. Sitting (l-r): Gary Donnelly, Conor Grimes, Brian Garvey, Jason McGahan.

Unusual background to minor clash

The background to today's meeting of Armagh and Kerry is unusual. In the space of eight years between 1949 and 1957 these counties, who had never met previously, clashed four times — once in the final and in three semi-finals — but they haven't met since. The reason is not hard to find. Since that 1957 meeting Armagh have won four Ulster minor championships (including this year's) while Kerry have emerged from the South on 13 occasions and in the three occasions that Armagh have reached the semi-final, Cork were the Munster standard-bearers. Thus the promised

development of an Armagh-Kerry minor rivalry faded, and while Kerry, despite the ever-present threat of the Rebel county to their ambitions, have managed to retain a highly creditable All-Ireland presence, the hectic demands of the Ulster scene have too often proved beyond the capabilities of fine Orchard county sides. (In the years between 1977 and 1989 Armagh were on the losing end of six provincial finals).

Despite their record in the matter of All-Ireland honours, Armagh can claim a rare achievement vis-a-vis

Kerry, in that they were victorious in their first meeting with the storied 'Kingdom'. This was in the 1949 All-Ireland final when Kerry, seeking their fifth title and Armagh making their first appearance in the decider, were worthy finalists. Armagh had accounted for Antrim, Derry, Donegal and Sligo by big margins, and though Kerry had overcome Clare and Cork only with some difficulty and Dublin in their semi-final, the weight of tradition decreed that favouritism should be the 'Kingdoms'. And Kerry appeared to be on course when they turned over lead-

ing by 1-2 to 0-3 after Armagh had missed a penalty and they were still ahead as the game entered the closing stages. The game was won by one of the finest scores ever recorded in an All-Ireland final; Joe Cunningham, who had dropped back well into his own half gained possession and soloed past midfield before passing to centre-forward Sean Blaney who immediately set off on a 60-yard solo run which he capped with a blistering shot to the net. Kerry pulled back a point in the remaining minutes, but the goal was crucial. Armagh were champions for the first time after a game that enhanced the image of under-age football.

The teams in that first meeting are:

Armagh: L. McCorry (Clan Éireann), E. McCann (Ballyhegan Davitts), J. Bratten (Armagh Harps), J. McKnight (Killeavy), F. Kernan (Crossmaglen Rangers), B. O'Neill (Keady Dwyers), T. McConville (Portadown), E. Mee (Keady), S. Collins (Carnlough), T. Connolly (Keady), S. Blaney, capt. (Clan Éireann), J. Cunningham (Armagh Harps), S. Smith (Keady), P.J. McKeever (Ballyhegan), B. McGrane (Ballyhegan).

Kerry: J. Foley (Kerins-O'Rahillys), J. O'Shea (Cahirciveen), P. Colgan (Austin Stacks), M. Galway (Mid Kerry), M. Kearins

(Kerins-O'Rahillys), J. Moriarty (Austin Stacks), P. Costelloe (Kerins-O'Rahillys), J. Murphy (Castlegregory), D. Falvey (Kerins-O'Rahillys), P. Colman (North Kerry), P. O'Donnell (Austin Stacks), P. Sheehy (Mitchels), M. Galvin (Kenmare), C. Kennedy (North Kerry), R. Millar (Austin Stacks).

The scorelines of their four meetings were:

1949	Armagh 1-7; Kerry 1-5
1951	Armagh 1-8; Kerry 1-8
Replay	Armagh 2-3; Kerry 0-7
1954	Kerry 4-9; Armagh 0-6
1957	Armagh 3-7; Kerry 3-5

North-South Semi-Finals

If the rotational system had been in place since the beginning of the minor championship there would have been 20 Munster-Ulster semi-finals to date. In the event there has been only 18 games involving these provinces at this stage, the first of which was in 1933 when Kerry and Antrim were in opposition. From that year until the introduction of the rotational system in the early sixties, seven North-South semi-finals were decided with only Armagh successfully challenging Munster's dominance. In fact, Armagh's defeat of Kerry in 1951 was Ulster's first

win in this confrontation and it was Armagh who recorded the Northerner's second success in 1957. The overall picture, however, shows Munster well ahead by 15 wins to three. The scorelines of their 18 clashes reads:

1933	Kerry 2-9; Antrim 0-4
1935	Tipperary 3-3; Donegal 2-3
1950	Kerry 2-9; Antrim 0-2
1951	Armagh 2-3; Kerry 0-7
(Replay)	
1954	Kerry 4-9; Armagh 0-6
1957	Armagh 3-7; Kerry 3-5
1960	Cork 1-7; Down 2-2

1961	Cork 0-12; Armagh 1-6
1964	Cork 2-11; Antrim 2-6
1967	Cork 3-6; Tyrone 0-7
1970	Kerry 2-10; Derry 0-11
1973	Tyrone 2-11; Cork 1-6
(Replay)	
1976	Cork 3-8; Tyrone 1-4
1979	Kerry 1-15; Down 0-7
1982	Kerry 1-7; Antrim 1-4
1985	Cork 2-5; Donegal 0-9
1988	Kerry 1-8; Tyrone 0-10
1991	Cork 0-12; Donegal 1-6



Ard Mhaca

Dathanna: Bú is Bán

Fir Ionaid

- (16) **Alan O'Neill**
A. Ó Néill
(Cullaville)
- (17) **James Byrne**
S. Ó Broin
(Clann Éireann)
- (18) **Shane McKeever**
S. MacIomhair
(St. Patrick's)
- (19) **Barry Hughes**
B. Ó hAodha
(Keady)
- (20) **Jason McGahan**
S. MagEacháin
(Tullysarron)
- (21) **Conor Grimes**
C. Ó Gréacháin
(Harps)
- (22) **Brian Garvey**
B. MacGairbheith
(Harps)
- (23) **Anthony Bennett**
A. MacBeinéid
(Carrickcruppin)
- (24) **Philip Oldham**
P. Oldham
(Clan na nGael)

Roghnoirí

Team Manager:

Br. Ennis.

Team Trainer:

Jimmy McKee.

Physio:

Joe Fagan.

1
MARK CAMPBELL
M. MacCathmhaoil
(Silverbridge)

2
SEAN O'HARE
S. Ó hÍr
(St. Patrick's)

3
AIDAN O'ROURKE
A. Ó Ruairc
(Dromintee)

4
ENDA McNULTY
E. Mac an Ultaigh
(Mullabawn)

5
KEVIN O'REILLY
C. Ó Raghallaigh
(Carrickcruppin)

6
JOHN McENTEE
S. Mac an tSaoi
(Crossmaglen)

7
RONAN HART
R. Ó hAirt
(Pearse Óg)

8
BARRY DUFFY
B. Ó Dufaigh
(Killeavey)

9
CONOR COLEMAN
C. Ó Colmáin
(Wolfe Tones)

10
PAUD DYNES
P. Ó Doinn
(Harps)

11
TONY McENTEE
A. Mac an tSaoi
(Crossmaglen)

12
KIERAN RAFFERTY (Capt.)
C. Ó Raifeartaigh
(Maghery)

13
PAUL O'HAGAN
P. Ó hÁgáin
(Clan na nGael)

14
DAVID WILSON
D. MacLiam
(St. Peter's)

15
GARY DONNELLY
G. Ó Donnaille
(Ballymacnab)

Ard Mhaca

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Ciarraí

Dathanna: Uaithne, Ór is Bán



Fir Ionaid

- (16) **T. J. Fleming**
T. S. Pléimeann
(Kilcummin)
- (17) **Leonard Burns**
L. Ó Broin
(Sneem)
- (18) **Pat Sullivan**
P. Ó Suilleabháin
(Laune Rangers)
- (19) **Eamon Fitzmauric**
E. Mac Muiris
(Finuge)
- (20) **Mark Kelleher**
M. Ó Ceilleachair
(St. Senan's)
- (21) **Ger Cremin**
G. Ó Croimín
(Gneeveguilla)
- (22) **Kieran O'Sullivan**
C. Ó Suilleabháin
(Dromid Pearses)
- (23) **Mossie Mulvihill**
M. Ó Maoilmhichíl
(Moyvane)
- (24) **Cormac O'Malley**
C. Ó Maille
(Beaufort)

1
BRYAN MURPHY
B. Ó Murchú
(Beaufort)

2
KIERAN O'DRISCOLL
C. Ó Drisceoil
(Annascaul)

3
BARRY O'SHEA
B. Ó Sé
(Kerins Ó Rahillies)

4
SEAN O'MAHONEY
S. Ó Mathúna
(Castlegregory)

5
CHARLIE McCARTHY
C. MacCarthaigh
(Gneeveguilla)

6
MICHAEL FOLEY
M. Ó Foghlú
(Beaufort)

7
FERGUS O'CONNOR
F. Ó Conchubhair
(John Mitchels)

8
DENIS DWYER
D. Ó Dubhair
(Waterville)

9
GENE O'KEEFFE
G. Ó Caoimh
(Ballymacelligot)

10
MIKE F. RUSSELL
M. Ruiséil
(Laune Rangers)

11
LIAM BROSNAN
L. Ó Brosnacháin
(Currow)

12
GERRY LYNCH
G. Ó Loinsigh
(Austin Stacks)

13
JAMES O'SHEA
S. Ó Sé
(Filemore)

14
JACK FERRITER
S. Feirtéir (Capt.)
(Dingle)

15
GERRY MURPHY
G. Ó Murchú
(Rathmore)

Ciarraí

1 adh Leath

2adh Leath

IOMLÁN

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2adh Leath					
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Kerry Minors out to regain final place

Kerry, joint leaders with Dublin in the All-Ireland minor football championship Roll of Honour with ten titles each, have surprisingly not appeared in a national final since losing to Meath in 1990. The Kingdom, who are trained by former goalkeeping great Charlie Nelligan, hope to set that right in their novel clash with Armagh.

The sharpshooting of Leonard Burns, who hit seven points, did much to get the Kerry side off to a resounding eighteen points win over Limerick. The side looked the part of provincial champions in waiting next time out when ending Cork's ambitions of a successful defence of the provincial and All-Ireland crowns.

Kerry's attack looked particularly sharp in that Páirc Uí Chaoimh game. Jack Ferriter, Jerry Lynch and James O'Shea cleverly led a division that finished with a splendid 3-14. Excellent finishing by any standard.

Denis O'Dwyer and Gene O'Keeffe set a brisk pace at midfield and the defence, with Sean O'Mahony and

Michael Foley setting a fine standard, conceded just 2-7.

That win put Kerry firmly in a favourites role for their Munster final against Clare at Páirc Uí Chaoimh, but they had to survive some anxious moments before gaining the expected win.

The Kingdom opened in a manner that suggested they would have matters much their own way. Gene O'Keeffe sparkled at midfield and Kerry quickly had 1-1 on the scoreboard. However, Clare settled down after that and grabbed two goals to turn over on level terms at the break — 2-2 to 1-5.

As in the first half, Kerry lost little time following the restart in finding their way through to goal. Five minutes into the half, left full forward Gerry Murphy availed of a mix-up in the Clare goal to slip in and send the ball to the net.

Kerry did not look back after that but they still had to strive all the way before earning a three points win that was much harder earned than many had anticipated before the match.

Still, that testing assignment should help Kerry in this semi-final. A very competitive game is the best form of preparation for a match of this nature. They must have a sound chance of a first semi-final win since the county beat Galway in a replay in 1990.

Successful times for Armagh at Minor

This is already proving a successful decade for Armagh in terms of Ulster minor football titles. In 1992 they won their first provincial crown in 24 years and were only foiled of All-Ireland glory by a late, late Meath goal in the final.

The Orchard County boys have regained the Ulster crown this season with a series of polished performances. First round winners over Fermanagh they trailed Tyrone by five points during their next outing at Omagh, but bounced back to earn a draw.



CIARRAÍ —Munster Minor Football Champions 1994.

Back row (l-r): Barry O'Shea, Pa O'Sullivan, Michael Foley, Liam Brosnan, Brian Murphy, Fergus O'Connor, Gene O'Keeffe, Sean O'Mahony. Front row (l-r): Charle McCarthy, Kieran O'Driscoll, Jerry Lynch, Jack Ferriter (captain), James O'Shea, Jerry Murphy, Denis O'Dwyer.

Armagh left it late in the replay at the Athletic Grounds. It was in the final ten minutes that they really turned the game in their favour to win by a single point.

However, Armagh left no doubt about their superiority in their semi-final against Donegal at Breffni Park. They took control from early in the match and sealed a final outing with a goal by full forward Barry Hughes twelve minutes into the second half.

It was in the Ulster final against Down that Armagh really looked the part. They got off to a very bad start when, with the game only

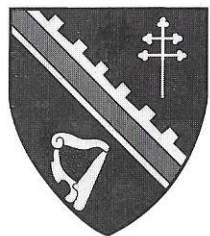
45 seconds old, Down collected a goal.

But the Armagh boys were not unsettled by that setback. They took the blow in their stride and it is a measure of their character and ability that they were good enough to go in at the interval ahead by 0-8 to 1-3.

They were three points clear midway through the second half and then really found their best form. Goals by David Wilson, midfielder Barry Duffy and Barry Hughes, who had gone in as a substitute, put them firmly in the driving seat and they went on for a very comfortable and impressive twelve points win.

This is a very accomplished Armagh side, and one that is improving with every game. John McEntee at centre half back, Kieran Rafferty at left half forward, and David Wilson, full forward, are powerful units capable of stamping their personalities on the match and steering a winning course.

Reliable goalkeeper Mark Campbell, Ronan Harte in defence and Paul O'Hagan up front are other giants in a team that has the all-round balance and class to make a tremendous effort to enable Armagh to repeat their semi-final of two years ago when they overcame Roscommon.



Armagh's Progress So Far

Armagh regained the Ulster minor football title last month after a two year break and collected their tenth provincial championship since 1930.

Kerry are representing Munster for the first time since 1990 and they have now 30 provincial crowns. The first was won in the third Munster championship in 1931.

Armagh had a long road to this Croke Park engagement:

May 15 — Armagh: Armagh 1-8; Fermanagh 1-5
Armagh scorers: P. Dynes 0-3, P. O'Hagan 0-3, J. Byrne 1-0, D. Wilson 0-2.

June 12 — Omagh: Armagh 0-10; Tyrone 0-10
Draw
Armagh scorers: P. O'Hagan 0-3, D. Wilson 0-3, P. Dynes,

J. Byrne, B. Hughes, K. Rafferty a point each.

June 19 — Armagh:
Armagh 1-8; Tyrone 0-10
Replay
Armagh scorers: B. Hughes 1-0, G. Donnelly 0-2, J. Byrne 0-2, P. Dynes, D. Wilson, K. Rafferty, B. Duffy 0-1 each.

June 26 — Cavan:
Armagh 1-15; Donegal 0-8
Armagh scorers: P. Dynes 0-4, A. McEntee 0-4, B. Hughes 1-0, P. O'Hagan, K. Rafferty, G. Donnelly 0-2 each, A. O'Rourke 0-1.

July 17 — Clones:
Armagh 3-13; Down 1-7
Armagh scorers: D. Wilson 1-3, P. O'Hagan 0-4, B. Hughes 1-0, B. Duffy 1-0, K. Rafferty 0-2, J. Byrne, A. McEntee, K. O'Reilly, S. O'Hare 0-1 each.

The Orchard County chalked up an impressive 6-54 (72 points) and conceded 2-40 (46 points).

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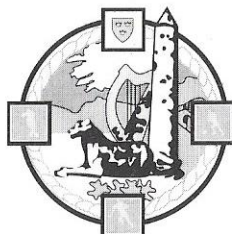
Paul O'Hagan and David Wilson are joint leaders in the Armagh scoring chart with 0-12 and 1-9 respectively.

Barry Hughes scored 3-1, Paul Dynes 0-9, James Byrne 1-4, Kieran Rafferty 0-6, Anthony McEntee 0-5, Gary Donnelly 0-4 and Barry Duffy 1-1.

Kevin O'Reilly, Sean O'Hare and Aidan O'Rourke with a point each completed the returns.

ULSTER FINAL

The Ulster final featured the best individual match return by an Armagh man at 1-3 by David Wilson against Down.



Kerry's Campaign So Far

Kerry had three games on the way to Croke Park. They opened their campaign in early May and this is how they qualified:

May 6 — Askeaton:
Kerry 1-24; Limerick 1-6
Kerry scorers: L. Burns 0-7, G. Murphy 0-5, L. Brosnan 1-2, J. Ferriter 0-4, D. Carroll 0-3, D. Dwyer 0-3.

July 14 — Páirc Uí Chaoimh:
Kerry 3-14; Cork 2-7
Kerry scorers: J. Ferriter 2-3, J. O'Shea 1-2, L.

Brosnan 0-4, G. O'Keefe, J. Lynch, D. Dwyer, G. Murphy, P. O'Sullivan 0-1 each.

July 24 — Páirc Uí Chaoimh:
Kerry 2-11; Clare 3-5
Kerry scorers: J. Ferriter 0-4, J. O'Shea 1-1, G. Murphy 1-1, L. Brosnan 0-2, M. Russell 0-2, G. Lynch 0-1.

The Kingdom chalked up 6-49 (67 points) and had 6-18 (36 points) recorded against them.

FERRITER IS TOPS

Jack Ferriter is Kerry's leading scorer with 2-11. Liam Brosnan comes next with 1-8 and he is followed by Gerry Murphy 1-7, James O'Shea 2-3, Leonard Burns 0-7 and Denis Dwyer 0-4.

D. Carroll 0-3, Jerry Lynch and Michael Russell with 0-2 apiece and Ger O'Keefe and Pa O'Sullivan a point each completed the Kingdom returns.

LEADING MATCH SCORE
Ferriter also sets the pace with the top individual return in a single game for Kerry with 2-3 in the encounter with Cork.

Mionúir Chliste, Chumasacha Faoinár mBráid Inniu

Is annamh a castar Ard Mhaca agus Ciarraí ar a chéile ag an tráth seo de chraobhchomortas na mionúr ach is cuimhin leis an 'seanóirí' an bhliain inar casadh na sinsir óna contaethe sin ar a chéile i gcrabhbhluiche na sinsir, 1953. B'shin an bhliain ar cheap neart daoine go rachadh 'Sam' thar teorainn don chéad uair.

Bhí mí-ádh ar mhionúir Ard Mhaca i 1992 sa chluiche ceannais nuair a 'ghoid' An Mhí an chraobh le cúl sa neomat deireannach den chluiche. I 1949 a bhain foireann ó chontae na n-úllort an t-aon chraobh mhionúir (bunús na foirne sinsearaí '53?) agus bhíodar sna crabbhchluiche '51, '57 agus '92.

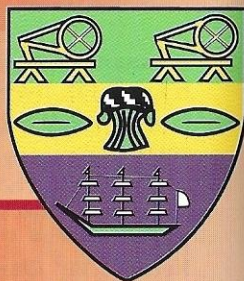
Tá stair níos fearr ag mionúir Chiarraí. Bhaineadar an chraobh trí huair as a chéile, '31, '32 agus '33; bhí log ansin go dtí 1946, '50, '62, '63, '75, '80 agus '88. Tá an líon is mó (10 gcrabhbh) acu in éineacht le Baile Átha Cliath a rug trí cinn as a chéile freisin 1954, '55 agus '56.

Is breá an rud é céilí comhraic úra a fheiceáil i bPáirc an Chrócaigh agus, mar sin, is fáille ar leith atá á fearadh againn inniu roimh churaidh mhionúr na Mumhan agus Uladh. Ón uair go mbeidh lucht leanta na sinsear ón dá chúige sin go líonmhar sa slua inniu tabharfar tacaíocht mhór don dá fhoireann. Cuir bhúr dtacaíocht in úil dóibh le bualadh bos mór, óir is ócáid scannrúil go leor é do bhuachaillí den aois seo teacht os comhair slua níos mó ná a faca siad ariamh agus ar an staid naisiúnta chomh maith.

Uaireanta bíonn caighdeán na peile níos cliste agus níos lúthmhaire ag an mionúir ná mar a bhíonn sa chluiche sinsir. Guítear rath ar an dá thaobh agus tugtar bhíochas dá gclubanna agus do lucht a stiúrtha as iad a thabhairt an fhad seo sa chomortas.

An Dúin

Ulster Senior Football Champions 1994



Captain

D.J. Kane

The Newry Shamrocks man is playing probably the best football of his career this year at 29. Such was the high quality of his play in the recent Ulster final that he was awarded Man-of-the-Match. He was also in good form in the earlier outings in the championship.

Kane was left half back in the All-Ireland senior title winning team of 1991. He won a second successive Railway Cup medal last March and now also has two Ulster senior medals.

The Down captain had a successful career in Colleges' and Universities championships and his collection also includes an Ulster under-21 medal.



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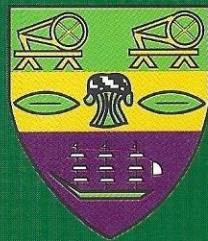
(l-r): Eamon Burns, Conor Deegan, Paul Higgins, Barry Breen, Brian Burns, Neil Collins, Greg Blaney, Aidan Farrell, Gary Mason.

Front row

(l-r): Ross Carr, Michael Magill, Michael Linden, D. J. Kane (captain), Gregory McCartan, James McCartan.

HOW THE COUNTIES HAVE FARED in the past year

AUGUST 1993 - JULY 1994



An Dún

October 3 — Challenge:
10th October — National League:
Donegal 1-15; Down 0-9
24th October — National League:
Down 0-10; Mayo 0-9
7th November — National League:
Down 1-5; Clare 0-8
21st November — National League:
Down 1-12; Kerry 0-10
30th January — Challenge:
Leitrim 1-7; Down 0-9
6th February — National League:
Derry 0-8; Down 0-6
20th February — National League:
Down 1-7; Dublin 1-7
13th March — National League:
Down 0-11; Kildare 0-8
20th March — National League Play-Off:
Donegal 1-8; Down 0-10
27th March — National League Play-Off:
Down 2-12; Kerry 0-11
3rd April — National League Quarter-Final:
Meath 0-13; Down 1-9
17th April — Dr McKenna Cup:
Down 2-13; Antrim 0-8
24th April — Dr McKenna Cup:
Down 3-8; Fermanagh 1-7
15th May — Challenge:
Meath 0-16; Down 1-10
29th May — Championship:
Down 1-14; Derry 1-12
19th June — Championship:
Down 0-14; Monaghan 0-8
17th July — Ulster Final:
Down 1-17; Tyrone 1-11

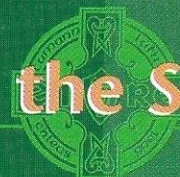
Played 17; Won 9; Drew 2; Lost 6
Success Rate: 58.8%

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15th August — All-Ireland Semi-Final:
Cork 5-15; Mayo 0-10
19th September — All-Ireland Final:
Derry 1-14; Cork 2-8
10th October — National League:
Meath 1-12; Cork 0-6
24th October — National League:
Cork 2-12; Fermanagh 1-8
7th November — National League:
Laois 1-9; Cork 1-8
21st November — National League:
Cork 2-14; Galway 1-6
6th February — National League:
Cork 0-6; Leitrim 0-5
20th February — National League:
Cork 1-12; Roscommon 0-6
13th March — National League:
Louth 1-6; Cork 0-7
27th March — Challenge:
Cork 1-13; Tipperary 1-7
1st May — Ronan Travel Cup:
Mayo 2-15; Cork 3-8
7th May — Tournament:
Cork 2-12; Wicklow 1-15
8th May — Tournament:
Roscommon 0-14; Cork 0-11
15th May — Challenge:
Cork 1-14; Dublin 0-16
29th May — Challenge:
Meath 5-13; Cork 1-13
5th June — Challenge:
Kildare 1-14; Cork 1-11
26th June — Championship:
Cork 1-13; Kerry 2-8
24th July — Munster Final:
Cork 2-19; Tipperary 3-9

Played 18; Won 9; Drew 1; Lost 8.
Success Rate: 52.75%

Paths to the Semi-Final



Down Back After Three Years

Down are representing Ulster again in an All-Ireland senior football championship semi-final after a three year interval. They won the Northern senior crown last month for the 12th time since 1959.

This is the Down record so far:

May 29 — Celtic Park:
Down 1-14; Derry 1-12
Down scorers: M. Linden 0-6, Gregory McCartan 0-5, C. McCabe 1-0, James McCartan 0-2, A. Farrell 0-1.

June 19 — Armagh:

Down 0-14; Monaghan 0-8
Down scorers: G. Mason 0-6, M. Linden 0-3, Gregory McCartan 0-2, James McCartan, E. Burns, C. Deegan 0-1 each.

July 17 — Clones:

Down 1-17; Tyrone 1-11
Down scorers: R. Carr 1-4, G. Mason 0-5, M. Lindnen 0-3, Gregory McCartan 0-1, Greg Blaney 0-1, E. Burns 0-1, D.J. Kane 0-1, P. Higgins 0-1.
Down recorded 2-45 (51 points) and conceded 2-31 (37 points).

Linden Narrowly Ahead

Mickey Linden is narrowly ahead in the Down scoring chart with 0-12, a point clear of Gary Mason. He hit 0-11.

Gregory McCartan scored 0-8, Ross Carr 1-4, the goal from a penalty in the Ulster final, Ciaran McCabe 1-0 and James McCartan 0-3. Eamonn Burns with 0-2 and Aidan Farrell, Conor Deegan, Greg Blaney, Paul Higgins and D.J. Kane with a point each complete the review.

Ulster Final Peak

The best individual match return by a Down forward was achieved by Ross Carr in the Ulster final at 1-4.

Cork's Good Record in Semi-Final

Cork are defending a proud record in All-Ireland senior football championship semi-finals in recent years. Since 1987 they have contested six games at this stage, won five and drew one.

The Leesiders' last semi-final defeat was at Páirc Uí Chaoimh in 1983 when they lost a replay to Dublin by 4-15 to 2-10.

Cork's successful defence of the Munster title earned them a 30th title since 1890.

June 26 — Páirc Uí Chaoimh:

Cork 1-13; Kerry 2-8
Cork scorers: C. Corkery 0-8, S. O'Brien 1-0, T. McCarthy 0-2, L. Tompkins 0-1, M. O'Sullivan 0-1, J. Kavanagh 0-1.

July 24 — Páirc Uí Chaoimh:

Cork 2-19; Tipperary 3-9
Cork scorers: C. Corkery 0-9, J. O'Driscoll 1-5, S. Calnan 1-1, D. Culloty 0-3, J. Kavanagh 0-2, S. O'Brian 0-1, L. Tompkins 0-1, D. Davis 0-1.
Cork scored 3-32 (41 points) and conceded 5-1e7 (32 points).

Corkery Sets the Pace

Colin Corkery impressively sets the pace in the Cork scoring returns with 0-17.

Well down the field sharing second place are Stephen O'Brien 1-1, John O'Driscoll 1-1, Stephen Calnan 1-1. Joe Kavanagh scored 0-3, Danny Culloty 0-3, Teddy McCarthy 0-2, Larry Tompkins 0-2 and Don Davis and Mar O'Sullivan 0-1 each completed the returns.

Munster Final Peak

The top individual match return by a Cork forward was chalked up by Colin Corkery in the Munster final at 0-9. He scored four points from frees and one from a "45".



An Dún

Dathanna: Buí is Dubh



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Fir Ionaid

- (16) Eamon Connolly
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- (17) Gerard Colgan
G. Mac Colgáin
(An Ríocht)
- (18) Gerard Deegan
G. Ó Duiginn
(Downpatrick)
- (19) Peter Withnell
P. Withnell
(Drumanness)
- (20) John Kelly
S. Ó Ceallaigh
(Carryduff)
- (21) Richard Starkey
R. MacStarcaidh
(Downpatrick)
- (22) Ciarán McCabe
C. MacCaba
(Castlewellan)
- (23) Barry Hynes
B. Ó hEidhin
(Drumgath)
- (24) Rory Sharvin
R. Ó Searbháin
(Kilcliff)

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B. Ó Broin
(Bryansford)
- 4**
PAUL HIGGINS
P. Ó hUiginn
(Ballymartin)
- 5**
EAMON BURNS
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- 10**
ROSS CARR
R. Ó Carra
(Clonduff)
- 11**
GREG BLANEY
G. de Bléine
(Carryduff)
- 12**
JAMES McCARTAN
S. MacArtain
(Tullylish)
- 13**
MICHAEL LINDEN
M. MacGiollaFhiondáin
(Mayobridge)
- 14**
AIDAN FARRELL
A. Ó Fearail
(Rostrevor)
- 15**
GARY MASON
G. Masún
(Loughinisland)

An Dún

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Cúil Cúillíní Seachaí 45m Saor Ciceanna

1 adh Leath

2 adh Leath

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Fir Ionaid

- (16) Kevin O'Dwyer
C. Ó Duibhir
(O'Donovan Rossa)
- (17) Paul Coleman
P. Ó Colmain
(Grenagh)
- (18) Tony Griffin
A. Ó Grifin
(Nemo Rangers)
- (19) Liam Honohan
L. Ó hUanacháin
(Bishopstown)
- (20) Teddy McCarthy
T. MacCarthaigh
(Glanmire)
- (21) John O'Driscoll
S. Ó Drisceoil
(Ballingeary)
- (22) Pat Hegarty
P. Ó hEigearthaigh
(Tadgh MacCarthaigh)
- (23) Brian Murphy
B. Ó Murchú
(Clonakilty)
- (24) Garry McPolin
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Mairtín Ó Cruaioich (Ó
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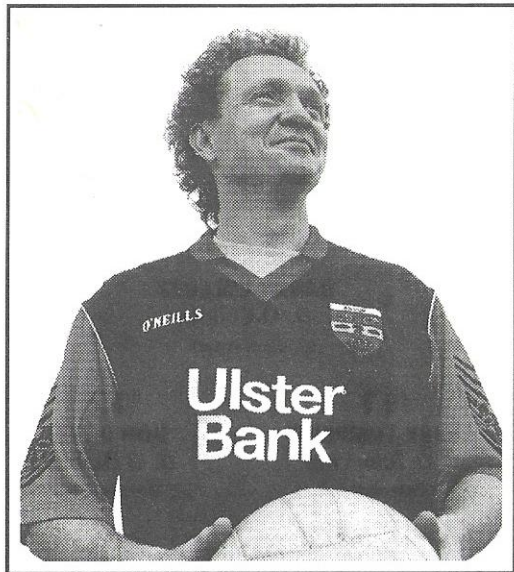


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By the time that the Emergency years brought a restriction in playing activity, Down shared with Fermanagh the dubious distinction of being the only counties that had yet to record a win in a national semi-final in some grade of hurling or football. In fact, only Down (of the two) had actually appeared in a semi-final, which was at junior level against Kildare in 1931 — but that proved to be a losing appearance.

But by the early forties Down's fortunes experienced an upswing and they actually contested two senior provincial finals in three years. However, it was at junior level that the Mourne county was to make the most significant progress and in the very first year after the Emergency shutdown of the junior grade that the breakthrough came and adding to the achievement was the fact that the county also fielded a senior team that season. Ironically, a year that eventually yielded Down's first All-Ireland title, began with a defeat — a 0-7 to 3-3 reverse at the hands of Antrim at Corrigan Park. However, the winning side was found to be illegal and the game awarded to Down who then went on to take Ulster honours with a semi-final win over Tyrone by 2-9 to 1-4 and Donegal in the final at Ballybofey by 2-5 to 0-7.

On the last Sunday in August thousands of Down supporters converged on Clones for the All-Ireland semi-final clash with Louth. It was a game in which defenders on both sides shone and Down had reason to be grateful to goalkeeper Emmet McGivern who brought off many fine saves during the hour. Andy Murrin and Eamon Grant also did much to keep a lively Louth attack at bay.

Scores alternated, but Gerry Brown inched Down 0-4 to 0-3 in front just before the break. The score that decided the game came at the 50th minute when Brown's free was deflected by a Louth defender to the net. A lucky score, perhaps, but on the run of play Down deserved to be in

front and there they stayed despite tremendous Louth pressure in the closing minutes. Down's winning score of 1-5 (to Louth's 0-7) was compiled by G. Brown 1-2, D. Kennedy 0-1, G. Carr 0-1, T. Brown 0-1.

The team that recorded Down's first ever All-Ireland semi-final win was: Emmet McGivern (Warrenpoint), Paddy O'Hagan (Clonduff), Andy Murrin (Clonduff), Harry Downey (Banbridge), Gerry Browne (Newry), Eamon Grant (Clonduff), Noel McCarthy (Loughinisland), Gerry Carr (Warrenpoint), Joe Haughian (Ballymartin), Gerry Doherty (Ballykinlar), Tom Browne (Clonduff), Des Downey (Banbridge), Dan Kennedy (Glenn), Harry Brown (Clonduff), Jim Heaney (Derrylecka). The substitutes (none of whom were called into action) in that first historic semi-final win were: Kevin O'Hare (Glenn), Malachy Shortt (Newry), Willie McKibben (Castlewellan), Paddy Brown (Hilltown), Barry Shields (Saul), Aidan Carr and Paddy Rogers (Warrenpoint).

Down went on to win the All-Ireland with victories over Leitrim (Home final), and Warwickshire.

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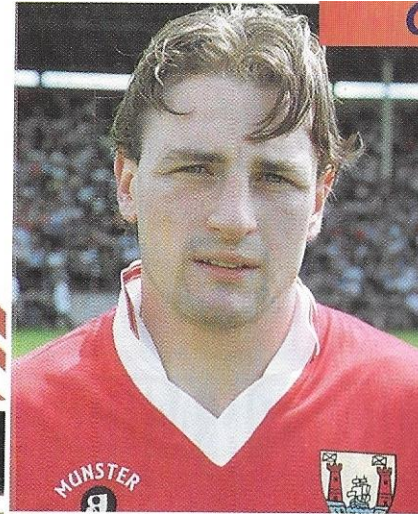
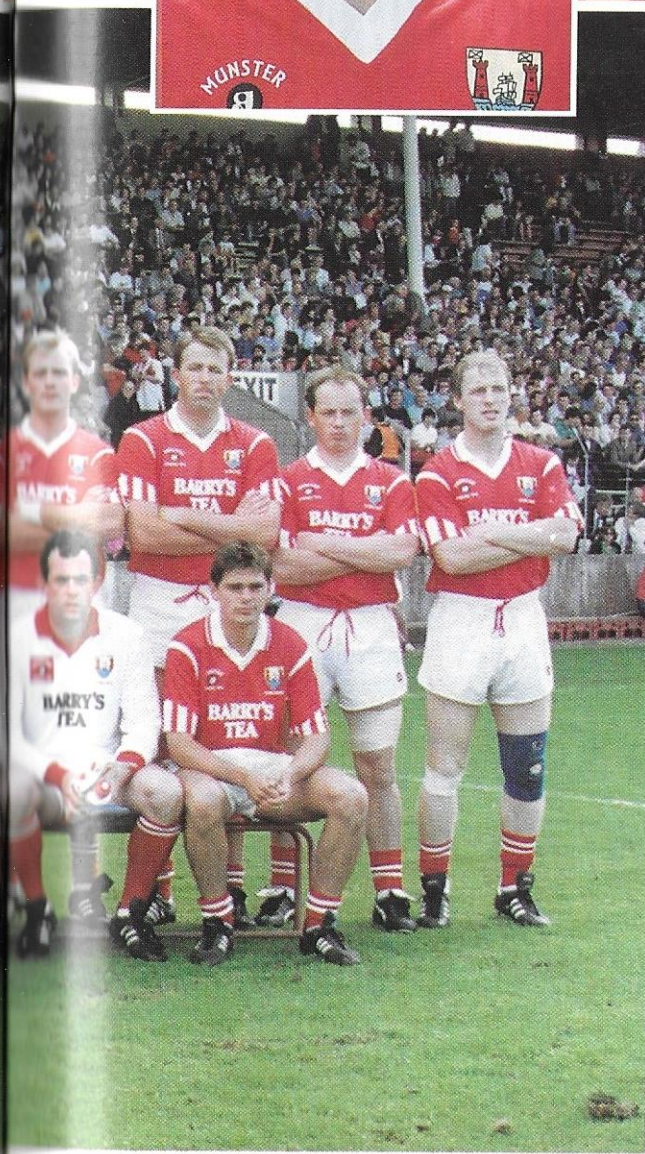
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Captain

Stephen O'Brien

Stephen is hoping to complete a titles treble this season as an All-Ireland winning captain. He led Cork to their 1989 under-21 football title and Nemo Rangers to the AIB club crown last March.

Although he will only be 25 in December, Cork's captain has already reaped a rich reward on the football fields. In addition to his successes as a county skipper, he holds two All-Ireland senior medals, a National League souvenir and one All-Stars trophy (1990).

O'Brien is an attacking half back, and scored one of the most vital goals of the season so far when he found the Kerry net late in the Munster semi-final to set his side up for victory.

Back Row

(l-r): Mark O'Connor, John O'Driscoll, Steve Callinan, Brian Corcoran, Danny Culloty, Shea Fahy, Paul Coleman, Colin Corkery, Niall Cahalane, Larry Tompkins.

Front Row

(l-r): Brian Murphy, Joe Kavanagh, Stephen O'Brien (captain), John Kerins, Don Davis.

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Cork, like Down, are rich in players who fully appreciate just what is required for success at All-Ireland senior football championship level. John Kerins, Niall Cahalane, Steven O'Brien, Shay Fahy, Danny Culloty, Larry Tompkins and John O'Driscoll, of the side that beat Tipperary last time out, hold All-Ireland senior medals. Teddy McCarthy and Paul McGrath, who went in as substitutes in the last game, also played in Sam Maguire Cup winning teams.

Moreover, Mark O'Connor, Brian Corcoran, Don Davis, Joe Kavanagh and Colin Corkery of the current team were in action in last year's unsuccessful All-Ireland final bid against Derry.

The Munster champions, then, will not be in the least overawed by Down's reputation or the big occasion, and are capable of settling down and expressing their talents to the full right from the throw-in.

Cork also displayed plenty of character in their two-match programme in defence of the Munster crown. The title appeared to be slipping away from them in their opening defence as they trailed Kerry by five points twelve minutes from the end at Páirc Uí Chaoimh.

CHARACTER

That was a real test of character for the Cork men, all the more so as they had struggled for much of the game until then.

But they refused to accept defeat. The holders battled on gamely and their efforts eventually paid off as team captain Steven O'Brien got through for a goal.

There was no holding Cork after that and they went on to earn a Munster final outing with a two points win.

That come-back says much for the will-to-win of the Cork men. The ability to bounce back when their title was in danger was demonstrated once again in the provincial final against little fancied Tipperary at Páirc Uí Chaoimh before an attendance of 13,115.

The champions were 1-2 to no score clear after only four minutes, but Tipperary fought back well and were just 1-8 to 0-7 in arrears at the break.

The challengers provided Cork with further worrying moments in the second half and five minutes from time were right in the hunt again as they cut the home lead to a single point.

Just as against Kerry, Cork bounced back in exciting fashion with a John O'Driscoll goal and three points to run out convincing winners by seven points.

Obviously, then, Cork are in no mood to lightly allow championship glory elude them this season for the second successive year. This determination, allied to craft and football ability, points to the fact that the Leesiders, who trounced Mayo in last year's semi-final, will not be easily denied another Sam Maguire Cup appearance.



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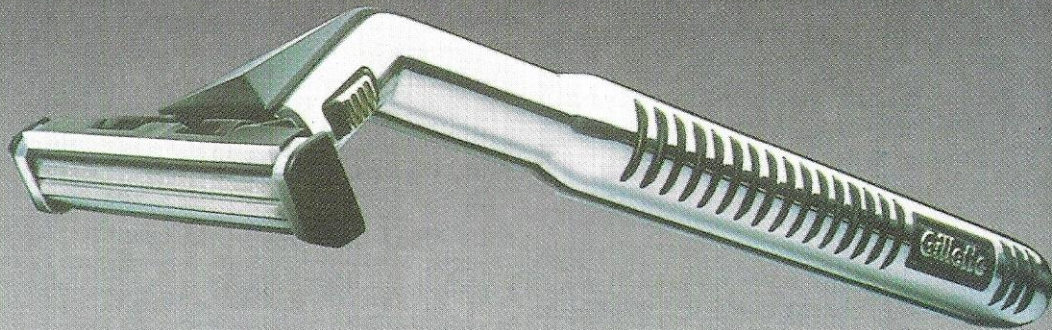
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DOWN Well Equipped to Maintain Ulster's Record

Down initiated a glittering new era for Ulster in senior championship football when they beat Kerry on their last All-Ireland semi-final appearance three years ago. A northern side has not lost a game in the series at Croke Park in the meantime and the Mourne County are well equipped for their bid to enhance this proud championship record.

Down have been playing well. They combined with Derry in providing the best football game in years in a first round encounter at Celtic Park in May. That was a classic, brimful of all that is best in the game, and a late goal by Ciaran McCabe, who went in as a substitute, clinched a hard-earned but well-merited two points win for the Mourne men.

After a comfortable six points success at Monaghan's expense, Down further advertised their maturing skills and football technique by seeing off the Ulster final challenge of a Tyrone team built around the county's All-Ireland under-21 title-winning sides of 1991 and 1992.

Down coloured that game by giving probably their best display since winning the Sam Maguire Cup in 1991.

Paul Higgins and D.J. Kane in defence, Gregory McCartan and Conor Deegan at midfield, Mickey Linden, in really tremendous form this season, Greg Blaney and James McCartan captured much of the spotlight.

Powerful Force

But overall it was an excellent team performance by Down and one that proved they have again emerged as a powerful force.

The exchanges were keen enough in the first half, but Down had the edge and enjoyed a four points lead at the break. They really stamped their dominance on the match five minutes into the second half when Ross Carr expertly crashed a penalty past Joe Cassidy in the Tyrone goal.

To Tyrone's credit they kept battling away gamely and a goal by Adrian Cush eventually reduced the O'Neill County arrears to four points. However, Down lifted their game after that and pulled away for a 1-17 to 1-11 win.

As well as good form, potential match-winners and a growing maturity, Down pack a wealth of experience. All but Michael Magill, Brian Burns, Gregory McCartan and Aidan Farrell of the side that lined out against Tyrone, won All-Ireland medals three years ago.

In terms of championship winning know-how, the Down team has a lot more to recommend them than the 1991 side, or the Donegal and Derry sides that triumphed in the semi-finals of 1992 and 1993.

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Other Grades ...

Other Meetings

The paths of Cork and Down may not have crossed in senior championship football to date, but the counties are not exactly strangers to each other having met at minor and under-21 level within the past three decades; and indeed, many of today's contestants will be renewing 'old acquaintances' when they step out at Croke Park. The Cork-Down championship background is sketchy enough — five games in all: the Junior Home final of 1966, two under-21 meetings and two minor matches with the record reading three to two in Cork's favour.

1960 — MINOR FOOTBALL SEMI-FINAL:
Cork 1-7; Down 2-2

The fact that both counties were bidding for a place in the final for the first time lent a special appeal to this semi-final tie at Croke Park. Cork had an edge in the matter of experience as a number of players had featured in the

previous year's semi-final...and it showed. And conceding a rather soft goal after only eight minutes was a big setback for the Ulster youths, who nonetheless kept battling away gamely. And though they were 1-0 to 1-4 in arrears at the interval, they kept in touch and King's goal as the game entered the last quarter fairly rocked the opposition. Cork, however, regained their composure and the winning margin of two points hardly reflected their overall superiority.

Cork scorers: L. O'Hanrahan 1-0, B. Larkin 0-2, D. Moynihan 0-2, T. Burke 0-1, B. Coughlan 0-1, J. Travers 0-1.

Down scorers: T. King 1-2, M. Keenan 1-0.

Cork: S. McCann, J. Burke, M. Lyne, V. Cronin, P. Pyne, E. O'Connor, G. Harrington, M. O'Brien, D. McCann, T. Burke, B. Coughlan, B. Larkin, J. Travers, D. Moynihan, L. O'Hanrahan.

Down: J. McKeon, S. Mason, S. Doyle, T. O'Hare, L. McGee, M. Shields, J. McGovern, T. King, C. Conlon, J. Fitzsimons, B. Johnston, C. Curtis, M.

Keenan, B. Murphy, P. McArdle.

1966 — JUNIOR "HOME" FINAL:

Cork 2-12; Down 0-9

Cork, with the breeze in their favour, started as if they were going to annihilate Down, going six points up in seven minutes. But as the drizzle came down Cork lost a lot of their early sparkle and, with Joe Moorehead showing the way, the Ulster champions crept back into the game and at the interval they trailed by only four points — 0-6 to 1-7. An exchange of points kept positions unaltered but when a lengthy period of attack by Down dented Cork's interval lead to a single point, the Rebel county soon moved up a gear and Con Kelleher's goal following a splendid move really put the issue beyond doubt.

Cork scorers: T. Burke 1-5, D. Sheehan 0-4, C. Kelleher 1-0, J. White 0-2, B. Honohan 0-1.

Down scorers: J. Moorehead 0-6, D. Jennings 0-1, S. Magorrin 0-1, P. McArdle 0-1.

Cork: G. McCarthy, J. Flynn, J. Bermingham, A. Burke, J. O'Leary, J. O'Halloran, M. Healy, J. Downing, R. Evans, T. Burke, J. White, B. Honohan, C. Kelleher, D. Sheehan, J. O'Donovan. Sub — B. O'Keefe for Donovan.

Down: J. O'Hare, C.

Shields, P. Rice, D. Byrne, S. Bannon, J. Smith, E. Fitzsimons, E. Lavery, W. Doyle, D. Jennings, S. Magorrin, J. Moorehead, P. McArdle, H. McAllister, G. Fitzsimons. Subs — D. Lavery for McAllister, O. Burns for Magorrin.

1979 — UNDER-21 ALL-IRELAND FINAL:

Down 1-9; Cork 0-7

This free-riddled encounter between two earnest teams played before a small crowd, did not enhance the image of the under-21 grade.

Down, with nine of their 1977 minor team on duty, were favourites and they duly justified this rating, but in truth, they didn't have to be brilliant to repel Cork's uneven challenge.

If there were highlights in this game, they were of somewhat negative character — two disallowed goals for Down midway through the first half. Cork opened the scoring after five minutes, but with Paddy Kennedy and Liam Austin assuming control at midfield Down were soon forcing the pace and they went ahead when a long ball to the Cork square was forced home by Jarleth Digney.

Cork, thanks to the accuracy of Ger Mulcahy, kept in touch and were only a point in arrears at the interval (0-4 to 1-2). And when Mulcahy

levelled three minutes after the restart an interesting second half looked in prospect, but Down then proceeded to hit six points without reply and the game fell apart, and the closing stages were dreary in the extreme.

Down scorers: G. Blaney 0-4, J. Digney 1-0, G. O'Hare 0-2, J. McCartan 0-1, N. King 0-1, Peter Doonan 0-1.

Cork scorers: G. Mulcahy 0-3, B. McSweeney 0-1, T. Dalton 0-1, D. O'Mahony 0-1, J. Kerrigan 0-1.

Down: Pat Doonan, Eddie King, Adrian McAulfield, Michael Sands, Gerry Murdock, Paddy O'Rourke, Brendan McGovern, Paddy Kennedy, Liam Austin, John McCartan, Colm Burns, Greg

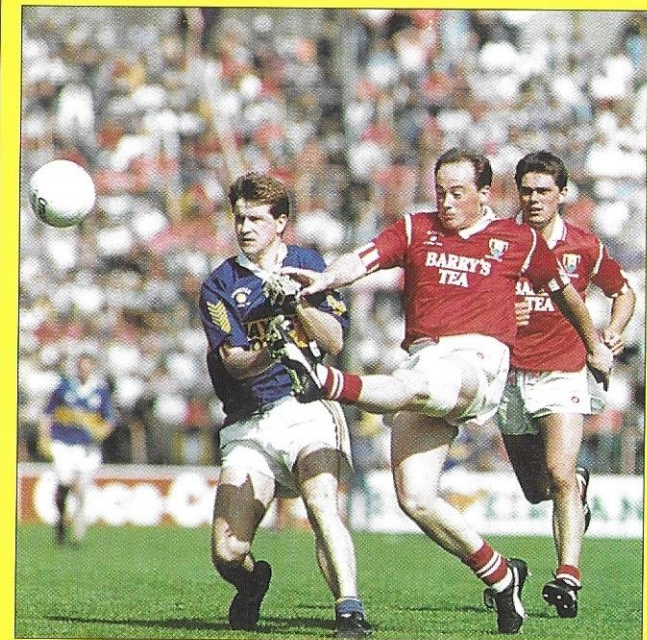
Blaney, Peter Doonan, Ger O'Hare, Jarleth Digney. Sub — Martin McCann.

Cork: Brendan O'Driscoll, Tim Healy, Mark Healy, Jimmy Murphy, Liam Forde, Mick Moloney, Jimmy Kerrigan, Brian Latty, Denis O'Mahony, Tim Dalton, Mick Mullins, Brian McSweeney, Sean Hayes, Ger Mulcahy, Fin O'Mahony. Subs — Donie Kelleher, Damian Philpott, Jim Nolan.

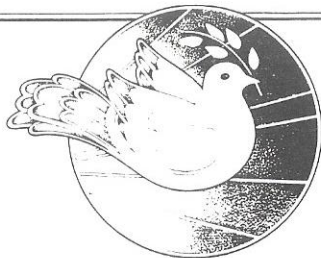
1984 — UNDER-21 SEMI-FINAL:

Cork 2-12; Down 0-12

This was a game that deserved better than the less than three thousand specta-



● Niall Cahalane (Corcaigh) clears his lines in the Munster Final despite the efforts of Peter Lambert (Tiobraid Árann).



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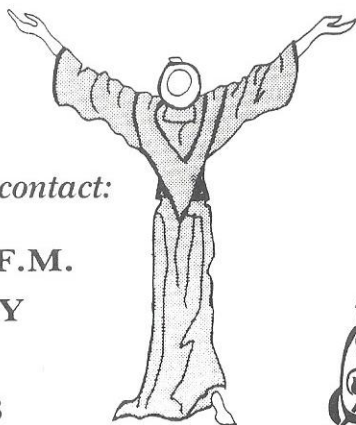
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tors scattered around the stands and terraces. It was to prove a game of some quality and, as far as Down were concerned, of lost chances. With a handsome share of possession Down shot at least seven atrocious wides in the first half alone, while Cork gave an exhibition of how to convert chances to all-important scores. Clinical finishing lifted Cork into a 1-2 to nil lead with ten minutes gone. It was a cushion that was to sustain them to the very end despite the splendid efforts of Brendan Mason, the only Down forward to come through with an enhanced reputation.

Tony O'Sullivan's 24th minute goal widened the gap to six points and the interval advantage of 2-5 to 0-5 was never subsequently eroded. On the day, a winning margin of six points was distinctly flattering to the winners, but it did emphasise the difference between the two teams — Cork could take their chances, Down could not, or at least enough of them to alter the result.

Cork scorers: C. O'Neill 0-4, T. O'Sullivan 1-1, T. Mannix 1-0, K. McCarthy 0-3, B. Coffey 0-2, M. McCarthy 0-2.

Down: B. Mason 0-7, M. Linden 0-1, S. Murdock 0-1, M. McCartan 0-1, D. Durkan 0-1, B. Carr 0-1.

Cork: Michael Maguire, John Murphy, Niall Cahalane, Anthony Davis,

Denis Cleary, Michael Slocum, Tony Nation, Tony Leahy, Danny Culloty, Mick McCarthy, Tom Mannix, Barry Coffey, Kieran McCarthy, Colm O'Neill, Tony O'Sullivan. Sub — Teddy McCarthy for Culloty.

Down: Damian McCorry, Eugene McNulty, Aidan Murdock, Malachy Murdock, Michael Doyle, Martin Lynch, Stephen McVeigh, Ross Carr, Brendan Mason, Seamus Murdock, Charlie Doyle, Michael McCartan, Damian Kane, Donal Durkan. Subs — Paul Mahon for Aidan Murdock, Paul Rogan for Charlie Doyle.

1987 — MINOR FOOTBALL FINAL:

Down 1-12; Cork 1-5

Two teams that had qualified with impressive credentials provided a final that left a lot to be desired with far too many of the less attractive features of gaelic football painfully in evidence.

The opening stages were promising enough as Cork forced the pace against unsettled opposition and they had three points on the board with only eight minutes gone. But if ever a team flattered to deceive it was this Rebel county fifteen, and when Down took it up towards the end of the first quarter, Cork's early elegance began to fray.

Yet the game as a real con-

test survived to the interval at which stage the scores were level and the issue still wide open. It didn't remain open for long and from the moment that Tom Fagan supplemented his opening point of the second half with a well-taken goal, the game was rapidly drifting away from embattled Cork. Long before the end it was clear that Cork's depressing run in minor finals was not yet over.

Down scorers: C. Murray 0-6, T. Fagan 1-2, T. Breen 0-2, R. Fitzpatrick 0-1, J. McCartan 0-1.

Cork scorers: M. Twomey 1-0, M. Burke 0-2, J. Corcoran 0-2, J. Barrett 0-1.

Down: Dermot Hawkins, Niall Caulfield, Larry Duggan, Martin McGivern, Mark Quinn, Conor Deegan, Colin Mason, Brian McCartan, Patrick Hannaway, Cathal Murray, Raphael Haughian, Geoff Breen, Ronan Fitzpatrick, Tom Fagan, James McCartan.

Cork: J.J. Sweeney, Damian O'Callaghan, Barry Cooney, Michael Lyons, Seamus Coughlan, Stephen O'Brien, David Bourke, Liam Honahan, Stephen Dineen, Gary McPolin, Michael Burke, Don Davis, John Barrett, Denis O'Sullivan, Noel Twomey. Subs — Frank Fitzgerald, John Corcoran, Stephen Calnan.



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This is how the counties fared in the Munster and Ulster senior football championships of 1994:

MUNSTER

May 16 — Limerick:
Tipperary 2-8; Clare 0-13

May 22 — Killarney:
Kerry 2-19; Limerick 0-8

June 26 — Páirc Uí Chaoimh:
Cork 1-13; Kerry 2-8

June 26 — Thurles:
Tipperary 5-14; Waterford 0-15

July 24 — Páirc Uí Chaoimh:
Cork 2-19; Tipperary 3-9

ULSTER

May 16 — Armagh:
Armagh 1-6; Fermanagh 0-6

May 22 — Cavan:
Monaghan 3-10; Cavan 1-12

May 29 — Celtic Park:
Down 1-14; Derry 1-12

June 5 — Casement Park:
Donegal 1-12; Antrim 1-9

June 12 — Omagh:
Tyrone 3-10; Armagh 1-10

June 19 — Armagh:
Down 0-14; Monaghan 0-8

June 26 — Cavan:
Tyrone 1-15; Donegal 0-10

July 17 — Clones:
Down 1-17; Tyrone 1-11

Record For Ulster?

A Down win today would make history in that it would be the first sequence of four All-Ireland senior football semi-final successes for the north.

Ulster last had a chance to record such a run in 1950. Cavan beat Roscommon in 1947, Louth in 1948 and Cork in 1949. Armagh won the 1950 Ulster title but lost the semi-final to Mayo, who went on to take the title.

Donegal lost the 1990 semi-final to Meath by 3-9 to 1-7. Then came Down's 2-9 to 0-8 triumph a year later over Kerry, Donegal's 0-13 to 0-9 win over Mayo in 1992 and Derry's 0-15 to 0-14 success over Dublin last August.

The last goal by an Ulster man in a semi-final was Withnell's second six and a half minutes from the end of the 1991 game.

A second half score by Dave Barry for Cork against Monaghan in the 1988 meeting ranks as Munster's last goal against Northern opposition in a semi-final. Cork won by 1-14 to 0-6.

That is also the last Southern semi-final win at the expense of Ulster champions.

Seeking A Fourth

Apart from the immediate objective of accounting for Cork, Down are seeking to extend Ulster's run of semi-final successes which last year extended to an unprecedented (for Ulster) three wins without a break — Down over Kerry (1991), Donegal over Mayo (1992) and Derry over Dublin (1993). Previous to last year Ulster's best semi-final run had been Cavan's three-in-a-row in the years 1947, '48 and '49, but, of course, the most recent 'treble' was extended to All-Ireland finals which places Down in a special position today.

Yet no province can match the great run of Leinster representatives between 1912 and 1924 when Louth, Wexford, Dublin and Kildare contributed to 13 straight semi-final wins. Indeed, but for Kilkenny's slip to Antrim in 1911, it would have been an incredible 24 unbeaten semi-final appearances by the eastern province. Munster's best spell of semi-final activity saw them win eleven without a break between 1910 and 1911, four of which Cork were responsible for while Galway's four successful outings 1963-66 was Connacht's most affluent period.



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Down Details

Compared with Cork, or indeed, with most of the counties in their province, Down were latecomers to the championship scene, and the first Ulster championships were 15 years in the past when the first inter-county stirrings were noted in the Mourne. It was a tentative stirring centring on Newry Faughs and Leitrim Fontenoy's, but after several false starts a Down team eventually entered the lists — in the 1903 championship which was played in January 1905. Against a well-settled Armagh team at Newry, Down were never really in the hunt and were beaten by 2-9 to 0-1. A year later Down did slightly better — going down to Antrim by a margin of ten points.

But the Mourne men got it right at the third attempt when in the first round of the 1906 competition they overcame Armagh by 1-5 to 0-4 at Newry (the game was played on May 12, 1907). However they went out at the next fence when losing narrowly to Antrim. Thus did Down make its contribution to the gaelic football scene in the early years of the century.

Since 1903 to this year's Ulster final Down have played a total of 177 championship games, the record of which reads — won 84; lost 82; drawn 11. Of these, all but 16 were in Ulster competition and of the 16, all of which were at Croke Park, Down won eight (four semi-finals and four finals) drew one and lost seven.

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Season in Ulster and Munster

The sharpshooting of Peter Lambert and a classic between Down and Derry at Celtic Park were high points in the early stages of the Munster and Ulster senior football championships.

Lambert lost no time in setting an impressive scoring headline by helping himself to 2-4 to be the key figure in shaping Tipperary's winning start at the expense of Clare by 2-8 to 0-13 at Limerick.

After Armagh and Monaghan ended the ambitions of Fermanagh and Cavan up North, Down and Derry provided the best football game in years at sun-drenched Celtic Park in a contest televised live by the BBC in Belfast.

Non-stop action, high standard play, top class individual performances and some good scores all added up to a truly memorable encounter that gave the image of the game a tremendous boost.

Mickey Linden had a particular memorable afternoon. He was in cracking form and contributed six golden points to Down's 1-14 to 1-12 triumph.

Derry's crash from their All-Ireland throne means that a long-standing Ulster bogey remains. No county has made a successful defence of the Northern title since Derry retained the crown in 1976. Famine A splendid first half goal by come-back full forward Tony Boyle did much to ensure that Antrim's long-standing famine continues in the Ulster series. The Boyle goal after 31 minutes set Donegal on the way to a 1-12 to 1-9 first round win at Casement Park.

Boyle missed last year's championship due to an injury problem.

Antrim have not won a single senior championship game since beating Cavan by 1-7 to 0-8 at Breffni Park in 1982 in the opening

round.

Kerry hit 17 wides in their opening game at Killarney, but still proved too good for Limerick, winning comfortably by 17 points.

Tyrone had a dream start to their opening bid against favourites Armagh before 14,000 spectators at Omagh. The match was only 90 seconds old when Peter Canavan expertly drilled a penalty to the Orchard County net. He added on four points later and was the star of a shock two goal win for the home team.

Canavan led Tyrone to their All-Ireland under-21 title wins of 1991 and 1992 and is the only player to captain two national championship winning teams in this grade. He had of his under-21 medal winners as team-mates in the win over Armagh.

GOOD COME-BACK
Down did not produce the sparkle of their Celtic Park

outing against Monaghan in an Ulster semi-final, but still finished good winners.

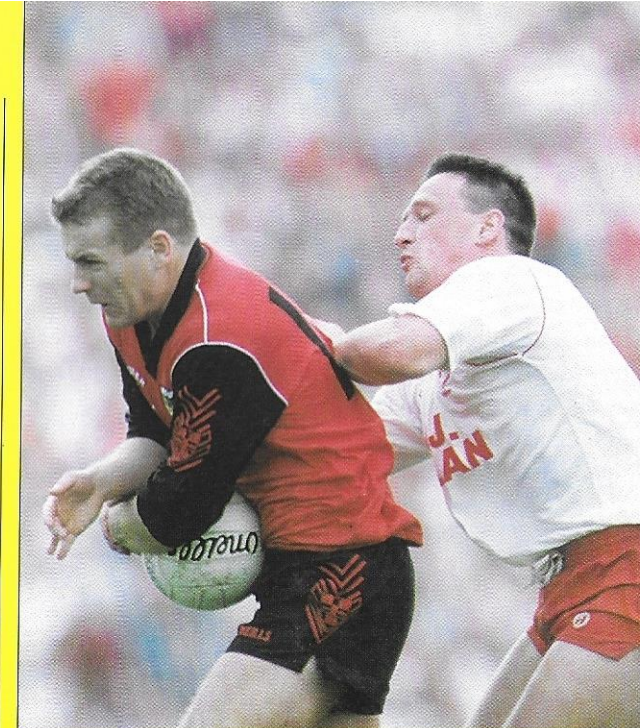
Larry Tompkins stepped back into competitive football after a year due to knee ligament problems when he lined out at centre half forward for Cork against Kerry at Páirc Uí Chaoimh. He had a good game and scored a magnificent point after 29 minutes.

Kerry appeared to be cruising to victory as they led by five points with about twelve minutes remaining, but Cork refused to concede defeat. They stuck resolutely to their task and two points by Colin Corkery revived ambitions.

Then Corkery won possession and sent a cross goalwards. Captain and centre half back Steven O'Brien powered through to grab the ball and expertly beat Peter O'Leary in goal to bring the champions level.

Cork were back in the game in a big way and they built on the score with points from Corkery, Teddy McCarthy, who had gone in as a substitute, and Joe Kavanagh as against a Kerry minor to snatch a dramatic and sweet 1-13 to 2-8 win.

Lambert further demon-



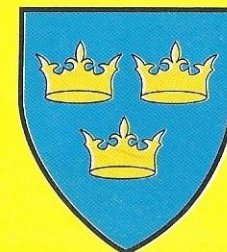
● James McCartan (An Dúin) manages to hold onto the ball despite the attentions of Chris Lawn (Tír Eoghain).

strated his expertise in finding the target as he set the scene for Tipperary's return to the Munster final by scoring 2-3 as the Premier County romped to a comprehensive 14 points win over Waterford at Thurles.

Up North, Canavan gave a Man-of-the-Match performance as he guided Tyrone to another upset-win in

their semi-final against Donegal at Breffni Park. Canavan scored six points and veteran Plunkett Donaghy was another to stamp his influence on a 1-15 to 0-10 win that foiled Donegal of a sixth successive Ulster final appearance.

Power-packed displays by D.J. Kane and Mickey



Linden powered Down to a comfortable enough Ulster final win, 1-17 to 1-11, before a 31,000 crowd at "new look" Clones.

INSPIRING

Kane was an inspiring captain with his high-quality play and leadership at left half back and Linden, despite sending a penalty wide in the 24th minute, had an outstanding game at right full and finished with three points.

Gregory McCartan and Conor Deegan also made vital contributions to the Down success by control-

ling midfield. Paul Higgins at left full back was another Down giant.

Down's goal came from a penalty by Ross Carr five minutes into the second half.

Cork were given an unexpectedly tough examination by a great-hearted Tipperary team in the Munster final at Páirc Uí Chaoimh. The 2-19 to 3-9 scoreline flattered the home side somewhat as five minutes from the end Tipperary were only a point adrift.

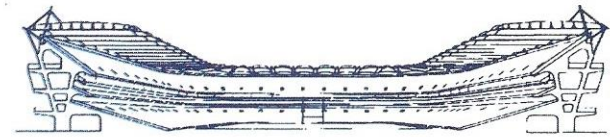
The Leesiders stamped their dominance in the concluding minutes, scoring 1-

3 without reply.

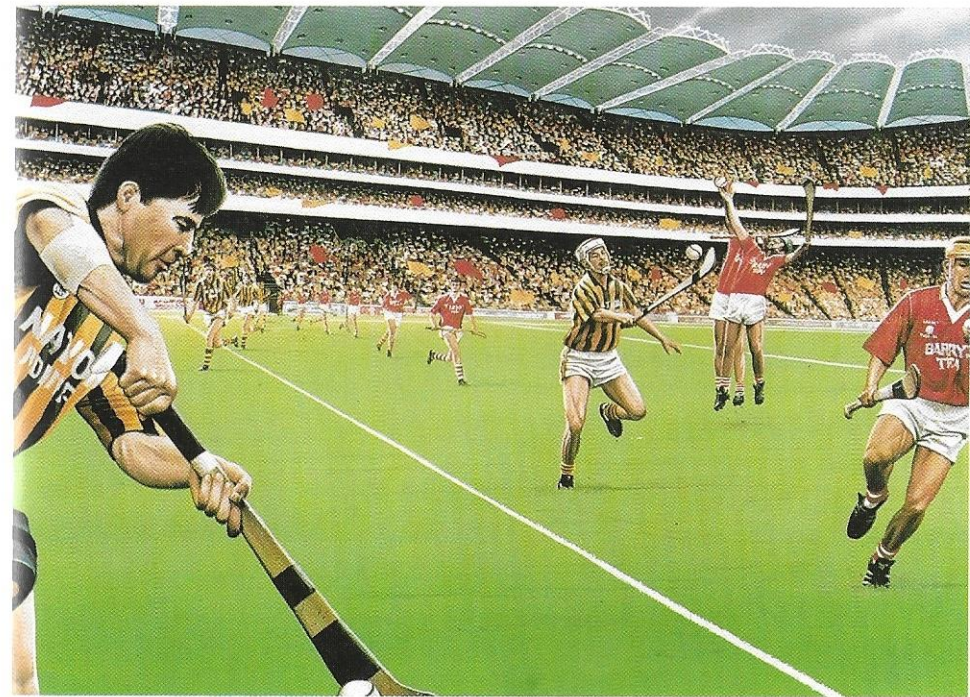
Colin Corkery was the star for Cork and finished with nine points. Danny Culloty got through a tremendous amount of very effective work at midfield.

John O'Driscoll, who ended Tipperary's ambitions with a well-taken late goal, was another Cork ace.

Peter Lambert had an excellent game for the challengers. John Costello, also in attack, and Brian Burke at midfield were among the others who ensured that Tipperary provided the Leesiders with many testing problems.



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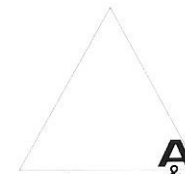
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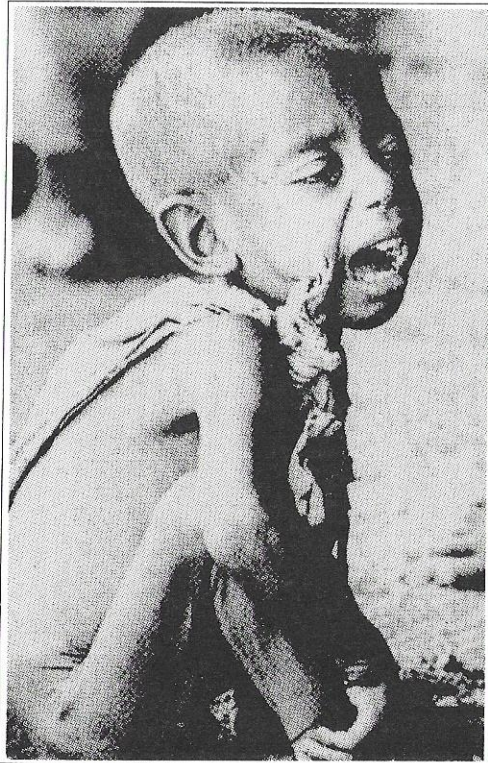
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Fitting, therefore, is it that Cumann Lúthchleas Gael should share with the Brothers their celebration of the 150th anniversary of the death of an outstanding Irishman and Christian educator.

Inniu déanaimid cómhghárdeachas le Bráithre an dá Órd a bhunaigh Éamonn Rís as uacht na hoibre iontas a rinne siad ar son ár gcluichí Gaelacha. Gura fad buan sibh, a Bhráithre uilig, agus deanamís céilliuradh le chéile an bhliain stairiúil seo, 1994.



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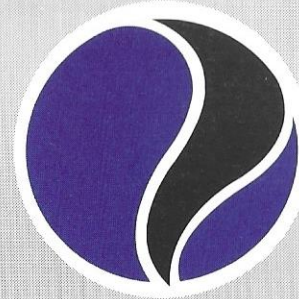
Rebel Report

Cork's involvement in the football championship is as old as the competition itself as they were one of the eight counties that took part in the inaugural campaign of 1887. But their entry into the fray was less than auspicious. Pitted against Kilkenny in the opening round and represented by the Lees club, Cork travelled to Dungarvan on July 24 where they went down by four points to nil. The following year — the first year of the provincial championship — Cork also departed the race at the first fence, going down to Tipperary at Buttevant. This time, however, they did somewhat better as they did manage to score one point to Tipperary's two.

But in a very short time Cork displayed remarkable improvement or at least their club representatives did. As county champions Middleton did duty for Cork in 1889 and recorded the county's first championship win by beating Kerry by two points to one at Mallow and though they lost the provincial final to Tipperary at the same venue, it was on a 1-2 to 0-3 scoreline. (Tipperary won the All-Ireland by 3-6 to nil!).

At the fourth attempt Cork got it right and in spectacular fashion, beating Waterford, Kerry on a replay, Armagh and Wexford to bring the All-Ireland title to the Lee for the first time. From then on, with the exception of valley periods of the twenties and thirties, Cork have been a force to be reckoned with. From 1887 to this year's Munster final they have played a total of 245 games, winning 133, drawing eleven and losing 101. Of these they played 49 at the All-Ireland stage (semi-final and final) for which the record reads 21 wins, four draws and 24 defeats.

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Tá bliana ó shin tháinig an tríú sraith de sár-imreoirí aduaidh ó chontae An Dúin. Ag an taca seo den chraobhchomortas casadh ar Chairraí iad. Bhí foireann na Ríochta tar éis curaidh Uile-Éireann na mblianta '89 agus '90, Corcaigh, a dhíchur.

Bhí an deallramh ar an scéal go raibh fir óga na Móirne ag iarraidh sliabh a dhreapadh a bhí ró-ingearach dóibh. Is scéal scéil anois é gur bhuaigh siad an cluiche sin agus chuaigh ar aghaidh chun an ceathrú craobh Uile-Éireann a bhaint don chontae.

Ó shin i leith tá Ciarraí imithe i léig agus na Corcaigh ag barr feabhais le cúpla bliain. Thit an lug ar an lag ag peileadóirí An Dúin i '92 agus '93 ach i mbliana tá an chuma orthu go bhfuilid inchurtha len a gcomhghleacaithe i '91.

I '92 bhain An Clár tuisle as saol na peile gaelaí nuair a chloígh siad curaidh na Mumhan, Ciarraí, sa chéad bhabhta agus thugadh bata is bóthar do Chorcaigh chomh maith. Ó shin i leith tháinig an dara hanál do mhuintir na Laoi agus

thugadar cluiche an-mhaith do Dhoire Cholmcille sa chluiche ceannais anuraidh.

Tá sár-pheileadóirí ag Corcaigh ach, ar uairibh, ní bhíonn smacht ceart orthu le linn chluiche. Má éiríonn le lucht roghnaithe agus lucht stiúrtha a tathaint orthu imirt ar a ndícheall agus gan imreoirí a bheith ag rith ar fáin soir siar ar an bpáirc éireoidh níos fearr leo.

Ceaptar go bhfuil tosaigh, mar aonad, níor fearr ag An Dún. Tá Mickey Mac Giolla Fhiontain láidir, cliste, cumasach agus má éiríonn leis siúd tiocfaidh na tosaigh eile chun cinn chomh maith. Níl na tacaigh, mar aonad, chomh cumasach céanna ach tá an líne leath-chosanta ar fheabhas agus tá an cúl báire beagnach do-sháraithe. B'fhéidir nach iad an dís is cumasaí ar domhan iad an bheirt i lár na páirce ach nuair a bhíonn an meon ceart ag Greg Ó Bléine, leath-lán tosach, titeann sé siar le cabhrú leo agus dá bharr sin ní fheictear an laige sa réimse sin den pháirc.

Tá rogha níos leithne ag muintir na Laoi agus tá ceathrar den chéad scoth ar fáil dóibh i lár pairce, ina

measc Shay Ó Fathaigh atá ar an bheirt nó triúr is fearr sa tír le deich mbliana anuas. Tá na cosantóirí, mar aonad, an-láidir ach tá nós ag an lántaca imeacht ró-fhada óna chúl, coitianta, rud atá an-bhaolach le Withnell agus MacArtain ag póirseáil i láthair na cearnóige. Beidh tionchar mór ag Ó Briain leath-lán cosantóir Chorcaí ar an gcluiche seo. Fear groí láidir é le lán-chumas aige i gceapadh na liathróide, luas thar an gnáthach aige agus, má fhaigheann sé an deis, in ann dul leis na tosaigh ar an ionsaí.

Má tá laige ar churaidh na Mumhan isé go mbíonn na tosaigh ag brath an iomarca ar Choilín Ó Corcradha; ní mór dóibh uilig pé seans a thagann chucu féin a ghla-cadh agus gan a bheith ag caitheamh súil thart féachaint cá mbíonn an 'ceannasaí'; bí cinnte go mbeidh beirt cosantóir ag faire ar Chóilín. Tá an luas imithe óna cosa ag Ó Toimicín ach fós d'fhéadfadh sé an imirt a sheoladh i gceart, agus má bhíonn sé i mbarr na sláinte, bí cinnte go ndéanfaidh sé sin.

Toisc an taithí atá ag Corcaigh tar éis na bliana seo caite ceaptar go mbeidh a lá leo. Níl aon amhras faoi ach gurbé cluiche na bliana atá chugainn inniu agus má bhuanann An Dún beidh éacht déanta ag Ultaigh ó '91 go '94 agus nach iad féin a thosaigh an nós!



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